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Kitchel, Tintlet and Lim are trying to find their way in Nadil's castle, while the Dragon Knights are going head-to-head with Nadil! In a twisted turn of events, Rath's secret may lead to his own destruction! What choice will the Dragon Knights make?

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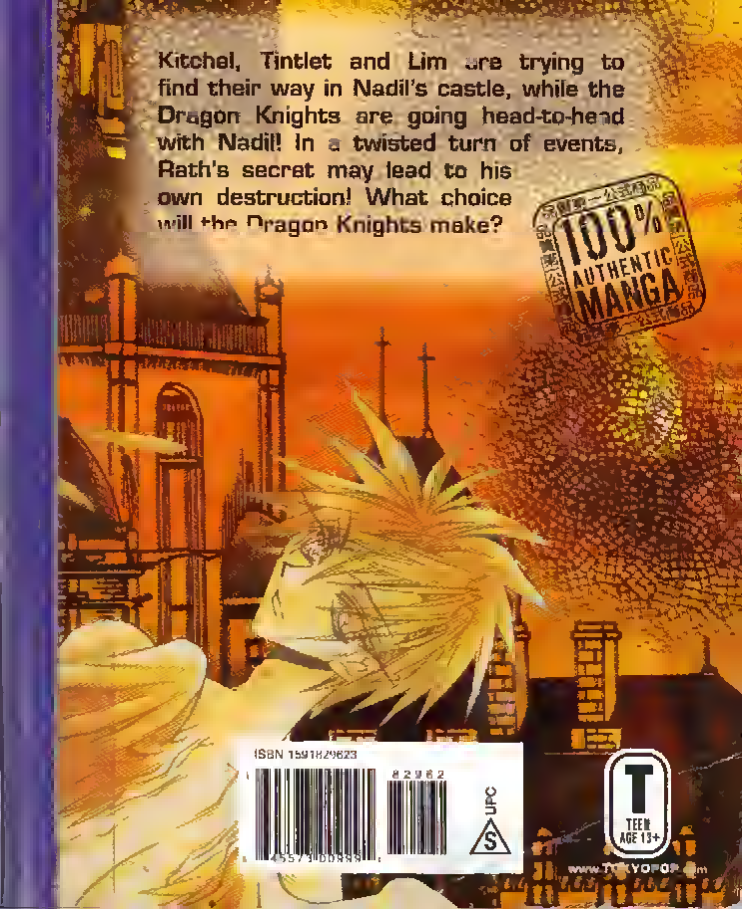

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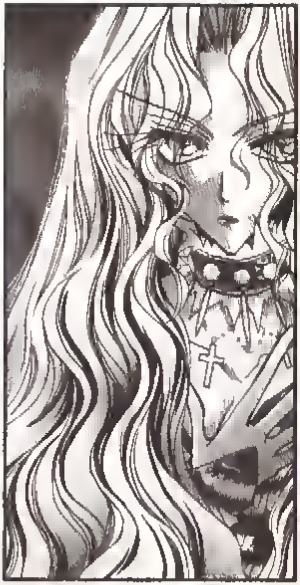

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THE DRAGON LORD & THE DEMON LORD:

A HISTORY OF THE BATTLE TO CONTROL DUSIS

AS TOLD TO

E. E. NOZURA

ADMINISTRATOR OF

IN THE HEART OF

The Keeper of the Tome

My name is Cernozura and I am the chief administrator for the Dragon Castle Dragoneen in the heart of Dragoon, the Dragon Kingdom. Within these pages I will attempt to chronicle the events of yesteryear in the hopes that it will in turn offer some future understanding of the chaos that currently befalls us. I feel it's imperative that I record a comprehensive history of the events that have led to this dark hour, for I fear that none will remain to tell the tale. My only hope is that this tome may survive so that future generations will know of the valiance of the Dragon Tribe.

Rise of the Demon Lord

Our worst fears have come to pass. The Demon Lord Nadil has been resurrected and he has stolen from the bosom of our care the fortuneteller Cesta who harbors an incredible magic that we have only just begun to witness. In the service of a villain as pernicious as Nadil, Cesta, whether against her will or willingly giving in to the seductive charm of the dreaded Demon Lord, may prove to be the most dangerous threat we've faced.

Into the Abyss

The Dragon Knights have been dispatched to Rainaldia, the kingdom of the Demon Lord, charged with rescuing Cesta. While their journey was not without its share of peril, all three Knights have at last gained entry to Nadil's castle, an ominous-looking fortress that rests atop a dead island surrounded by an ocean of souls. And, remarkably, they were not the only ones.

In addition to the thousands of demons that swear allegiance to Nadil, there is at least one who doesn't. Zoma, the small, winged demon, has long been a companion of Cesta. Attempting to bring her the powerful wind staff that was bequeathed to us by the Star Princess, Zoma has joined with Ritchel, a thief who has proven herself to be a loyal ally to Lykouleon, Ringleyn Ritchel's faerie companion, and Tintlet, Rune's beloved. They,

too, have gained entrance to Nadil's palace and word has reached our far walls that they have joined forces with the Dragon Knights But for how long I could not tell you

Lim Raana, a feisty little demon with a faerie-like appearance, has proven to be a thorn in the Dragon Knights' side since her first appearance First an enemy determined to usurp the power of Varawoo from Rune, Lim Raana has had a change of heart and body On the verge of death, Rune and Tintlet revived Lim Raana through the use of faerie magic, something that has resulted in a rather awkward transition Lim Raana is now a faerie Not entirely pleased with this turn of events, Lim has fled and now hides from both her demonic former masters and her "friends" from the Dragon Realm

Realizing that Lim Raana's flight could bring attention to their presence, the Dragon Knights decide to split their team in two, intending one team to continue their mission of finding Cesra while the other pursues Lim Raana It s a smart plan, but I fear the damage is already done I fear that the Demon Lord may have at last, found our dear Rath, Thatz and Rune

The Heroes of Dragon Knights

Lord Lykouleon

The beloved Dragon Lord Lykouleon is the sovereign ruler of Dragonia. The resources of the Dragon Clan and the might of the Dragon Army are at his command.

Lady Roseleane

Lykouleon's queen, the Lady Roseleane was murdered before by the Demon Lord and unable to provide Lykouleon with an heir.

Dragon Officers

Harnessing the power of the five Dragon Bells, the Dragon Officers should banister five strong, but after the Demon Army's assault on Dragonia, only two officers remain.

Ryuwalk

The Yellow Dragon Officer and Secretary of Home

Tetheus

The Black Dragon Officer and Secretary of Security

Cernozura

The Dragon Castle Administrator Cernozura is also a self-appointed castle historian.

Dragon Knights

Rath

The Dragon Knight of Fire Rath is part Vhane and lives for killing demons.

Thatz

The Dragon Knight of Earth. The human Thatz was once a thief, and his love for gold hasn't abated.

Rune

The Dragon Knight of Water. Rune is an elf and has abilities that other two Dragon Knights lack.

Other Allies

Cesa

A half demon fortuneteller with the ability to enhance the power of those in close proximity to her

Zoma

Cesa's demon friend and companion

Tartlet

A faerie who has sacrificed much for her beloved Rune and her dying race.

Kitchel

Another thief loyal to Lykouleon, Kitchel possesses the powerful Three Treasures and is trying to get them to Dragonia

Ringleye

A faerie who was rescued from a demon and now accompanies Kitchel

Delte

Lykouleon's human fortuneteller

Star Princess

Not much is known about this powerful princess, but she has assisted Rath on several occasions

Grimfish

The Star Princess's bodyguard. Both the Princess and Grimfish seem to be friendly to Lykouleon's cause.

Nohiro

A human on a mission to save the dying faerie race. Has assisted Rune in the past.

The Villains of Dragon Knights

Nadil

The evil and justly feared Demon Lord Nadil had been slain by the Dragon Lord, but his body was recently retrieved and resurrected by his loyal army. Now he once again presides over the Demon Realm, hungry for revenge.

Demon Officers

Shydeman

One of Nadil's generals, Shydeman led the successful attack on Braquiem that brought back the Demon Lord.

Shyrendora

Another general. Shyrendora is sister to Shyde man and clan to Tatham, who fights against her as one of the Dragon Officers.

Fedelta

Answering directly to Shydeman, Fedelta has become one of the most vicious officers in the Demon Army.

Lady Medicinea

Another officer in Nadil's army. Medicinea has an ongoing rivalry with Fedelta.

Other Enemies

Pierrez

The infamous rogue demon, Pierrez's loyalties lie not with the Demon Lord, but with himself.

Saabel

The so-called "Collector of Corpses," Saabel possesses the ability to reanimate the dead and puppets her cadavers.

Lim Kaana

A feisty little demon charged with stealing Varanda's power from Rune.

Khart

Garfakey

DUSIS
HYURA
Mt Phthaza
Vuda
GLACIOSA
Phitha Forest
KAINALDIA
Kiphone
Cleares
Costa Rica
MEMPHIS
Nathis Castle
Vilstu Valley
Mikath
HERMOSA
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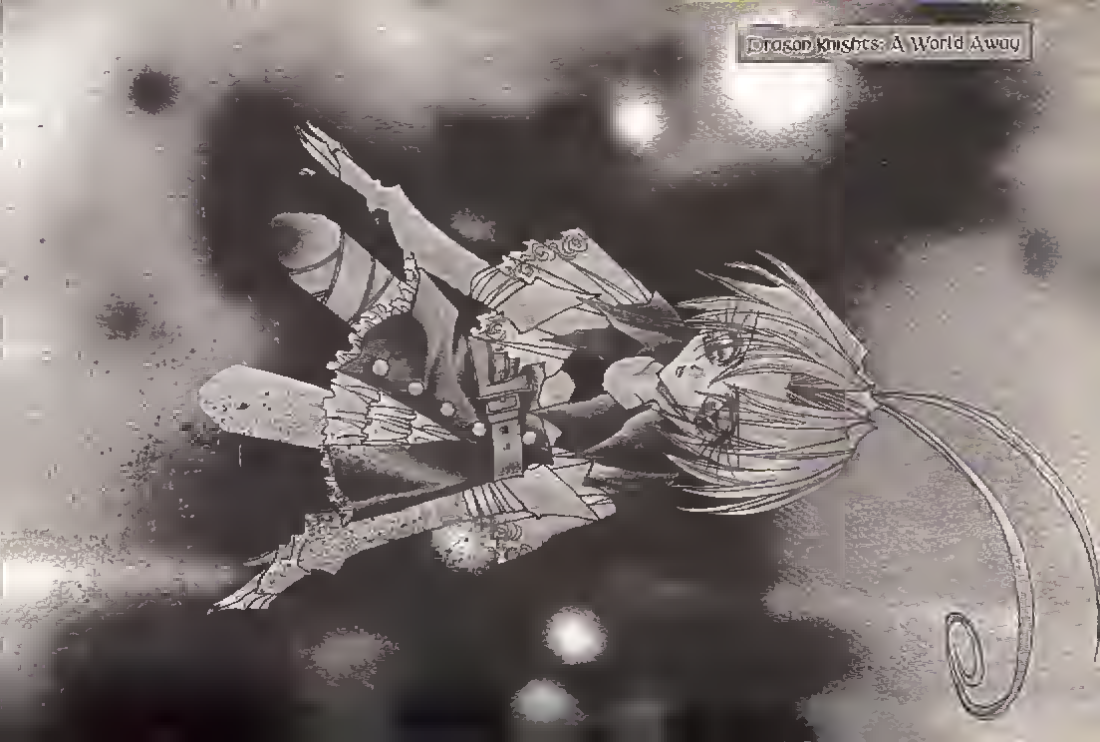

DRAGON KNIGHTS

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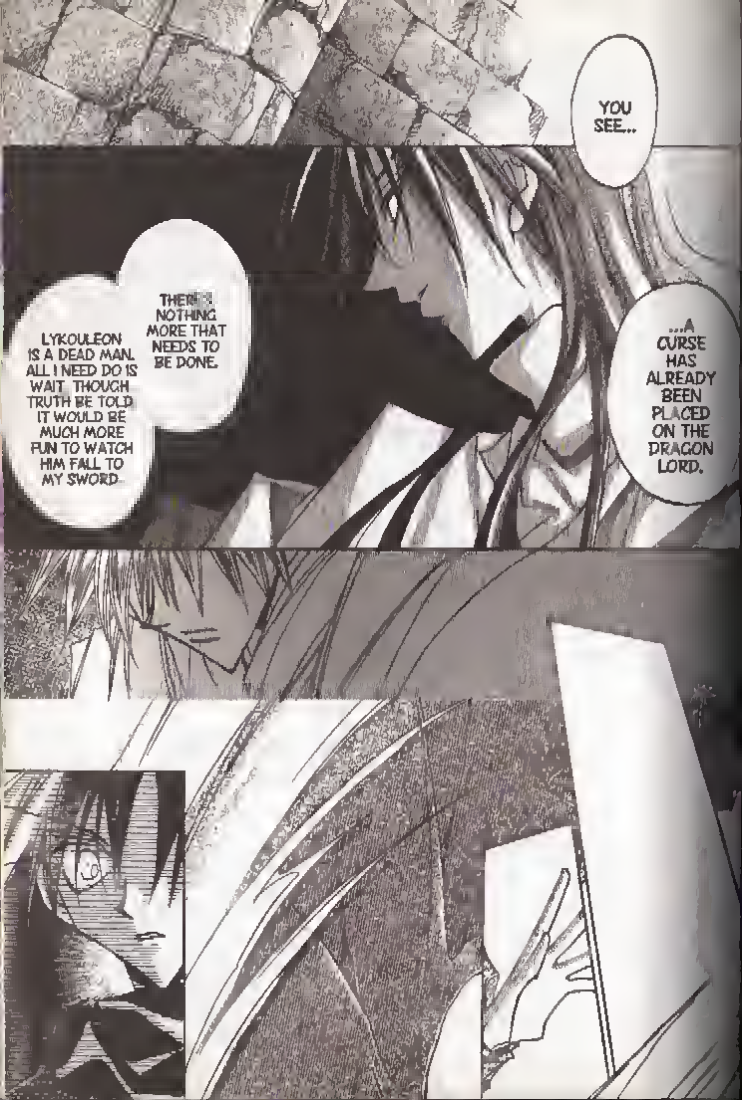
A World Away

EVIL
THERE'S SOMETHING EVIL HEADED THIS WAY.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T SEE IT.

THIS FEELING... IS FAMILIAR.
IT'S MUCH LIKE WHEN I WAS HELD CAPTIVE BY NADIL.

SAABEL...
WHERE DO YOU THINK HE IS NOW?
WHAT?
WHERE IS HE?

HE'S IN DRAQUEEN.
!!
SAABEL'S A VERY RESOURCEFUL DEMON. SO I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT SOONER OR LATER HE'LL FIND A WAY INTO THE CASTLE...
...NOW THAT YOUR PROTECTIVE SHIELD IS NO LONGER IN PLACE.


YOU SEE...
...A CURSE HAS ALREADY BEEN PLACED ON THE DRAGON LORD.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.
LYKOULEON IS A DEAD MAN. ALL I NEED DO IS WAIT. THOUGH TRUTH BE TOLD, IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE FUN TO WATCH HIM FALL TO MY SWORD.

THAT'S!
YOU LYING BASTARD!
.....!!!

I KNOW!
THATZ, YOU MUST KEEP YOUR TEMPER! YOU HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON RATH!

THIS WILL BE ENTERTAINING.
WATER!
!!

WATER...
HES ATTACKING?!

THATZ!

RATH!!
GO AHEAD, MAKE YOUR MOVE.
I WON'T HESITATE TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY.
?!

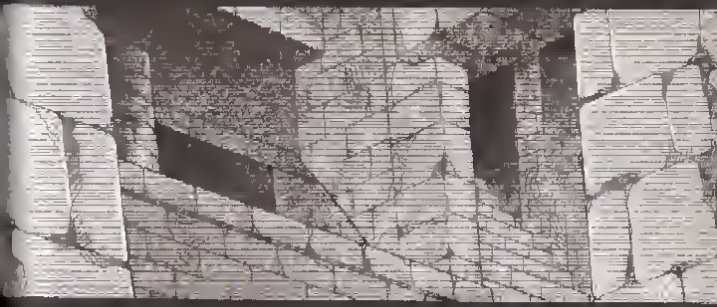
FEDELTA, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.
MY APOLOGIES, LORD NADIL.

I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT GET A BIT OVERZEALOUS AND WIND UP KILLING HIM.
YOU SEE, SHYDEMAN GAVE ME A STERN WARNING.
HE SAID...
...DO NOT LET LORD NADIL KILL RATH. HE'LL PROBABLY WANT TO, BUT DON'T LET HIM.

HUH?
THEY DON'T WANT HIM DEAD?
I DON'T GET IT.
NADIA, GET AWAY FROM RATH.
SURE.
SHIFT

...YOU'VE GOT GUTS.
I'LL GIVE YOU DRAGON KNIGHTS CREDIT...
I'M SURE THEY'LL LOOK WONDERFUL SCATTERED ACROSS MY PALACE FLOOR.
SO YOU UP FOR A REMATCH? WHO KNOWS? YOU MIGHT GET LUCKY, OR MAYBE THIS TIME...
YOU'LL BE THE ONES O LOSE YOUR HEADS.

TELL YOU WHAT. YOU GUYS STAND THERE WITH YOUR MOUTHS DANGLING OPEN...
...AND I'LL TEAR YOU APART LIMB FROM LIMB.
WHAT?!
MY DEMON POWER...
THE OTHER HALF OF MY SOUL.



ENOUGH TALK.
LET'S JUST DO THIS, RATH!
I'M ON IT. FIRE!
MY SOUL...
WE CAN'T HELP BUT HURT EACH OTHER.
TRUTHFULLY, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT I DO.

I WILL KILL YOU, NADIL!

!!!

I GUESS WE BETTER PICK UP THE PACE.
AN EARTH-QUAKE?
HUH?
WHOA!
WHAT?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

AAH!
THE SHAKING!
I CAN'T... NO!

C'MON! WE SHOULD HURRY!
SHE REMEMBERS WHICH WAY TO GO?
YES! WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE! I THINK THAT'S THE WAY OUT!
WAIT A MINUTE. I THINK I RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE.
I SENSE FAERIE POWER HERE.
THIS IS A POWERFUL DEMON.
IT'S COMING FROM DOWNSTAIRS!
WE CANNOT TARRY HERE.

THERE SHE IS!
OH!
SHE'S IN THE HALL RIGHT--
--HMRPH MRPH!
SHUT UP!
SHE'S RIGHT BELOW US, WAY DOWN THERE!
WE'RE ALMOST OUT OF THIS MAZE! KEEP GOING!
ビシッ!!
BUT IT'S A DEAD END DOWN THERE!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

ARE YOU SURE? IT'S IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.
FINE! WE'LL GET HER. BUT THIS WAY IS FASTER!
I SHOULD GO BACK. I WONDER IF RUNE IS STILL THERE?
!!

THAT SMELL... YES... THERE IS SOMETHING DOWN HERE THAT DOESN'T BELONG.
YES... A NICE PIECE OF MEAT IT IS! AND ALL ALONE...
TELL ME, LITTLE ONE, WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? YOU'RE SO FAR FROM HOME.
...AND SO SWEET..
!!
MY THREAD'S STUCK! IT WON'T COME OUT!

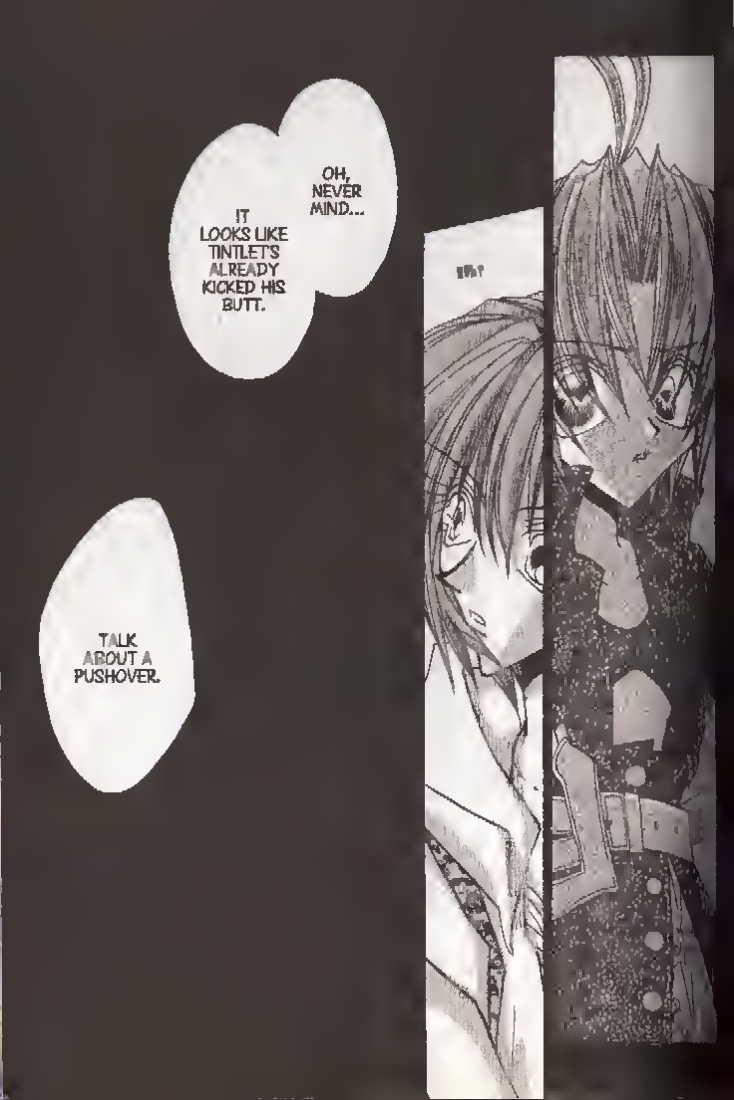
!!
HEH HEH...

KITCHEL!
WATCH OUT!
KITCHEL!!
OH GOD!! OH GOD!!
Ahh!
A hhh o!
Uh?

THANK YOU. ♥
THUD!

ALL RIGHT, TINTLET! YES!
NGH!
OOOF!

C'MON!
WE NEED TO HELP HER OUT!
WHAT?!
B-B-BUT...
ガシッ!
...BUT YOU'RE A HUMAN!
AREN'T YOU SCARED?
THAT DEMON MAY HAVE A WICKED BITE...
BUT HE'S PRETTY SMALL. WE CAN TAKE HIM!
UH...
WHAT'S WRONG? JUST USE YOUR MAGIC THREAD.
I, UM... CAN'T USE IT ANYMORE.
YOU JUST THINK. YOU CAN'T USE IT.
What?
SOKI
You need guts
YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...


OH, NEVER MIND...
IT LOOKS LIKE TINTLET'S ALREADY KICKED HIS BUTT.
TALK ABOUT A PUSHOVER.
HM?

DEMON!
THAT LINE ABOUT US HURTING EACH OTHER?! I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, AND IT WON'T WORK!

NOT THIS TIME.
YOU'RE TRYING TO DISTURB RATH AND MANIPULATE VARAWOO INSIDE OF RUNE.
...SO THAT WE'LL ATTACK EACH OTHER!
BUT EVEN IF I DIDN'T DO THAT...
...IT'S VERY POSSIBLE...
GOOD BOY.

...THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN ANYWAY.
!!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?!
I'M ALL RIGHT!
DON'T WORRY.
RATH!
RATH! RUNE!
ARE YOU TWO OKAY?!

Huh?!
I'M OKAY.
I'M STILL NORMAL.
HEH HEH...
WHATRE YOU LAUGHING AT, YOU FIRE RAT?!
WHATS NADIL SAYING?

ARENT YOU THE RAT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SNEAKING AROUND OUR BASEMENT.
ENOUGH, DEMON!
IS HE TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING?

RATH ILLUSER?
AGH!

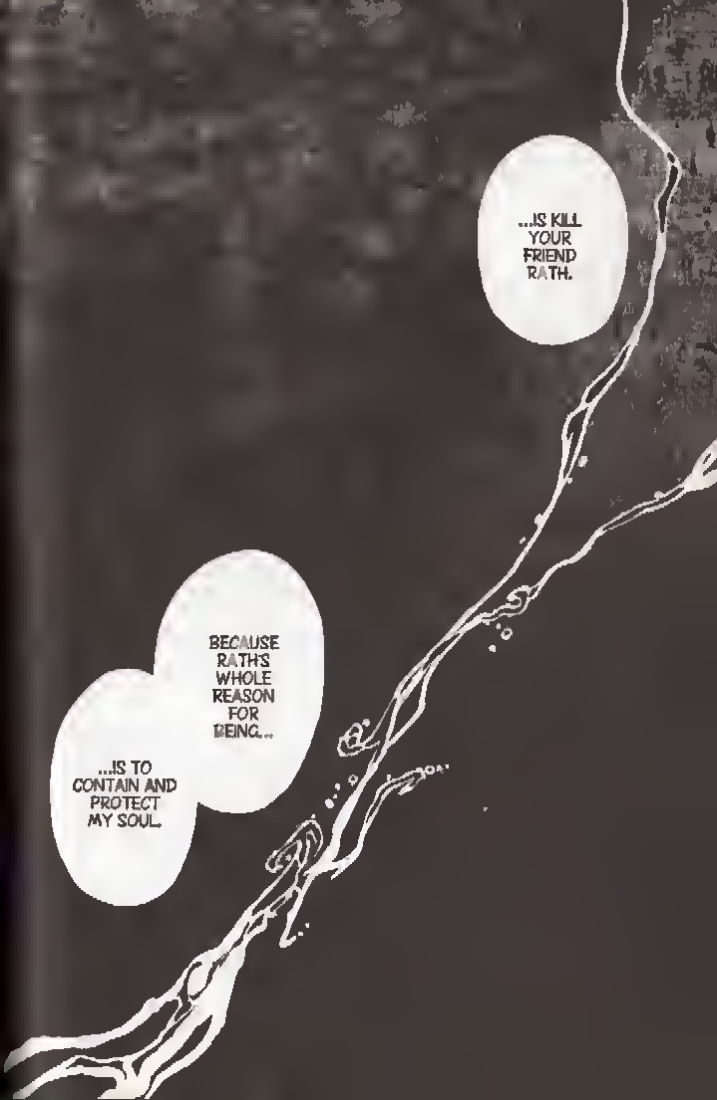
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR WORDS, NADIL!
YOU GAVE UP YOUR BODY AND DIED FOR ME.
SO HOW IS IT THAT YOU MANAGED TO STAY ALIVE?
HEH HEH... TELL ME...
...WHOSE BODY DID YOU TAKE THIS TIME?
I SAID SHUT THE HELL UP!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
C'MON, RATH ILLUSER...
HOW MANY DEMONS AND HUMANS HAVE DIED SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE?

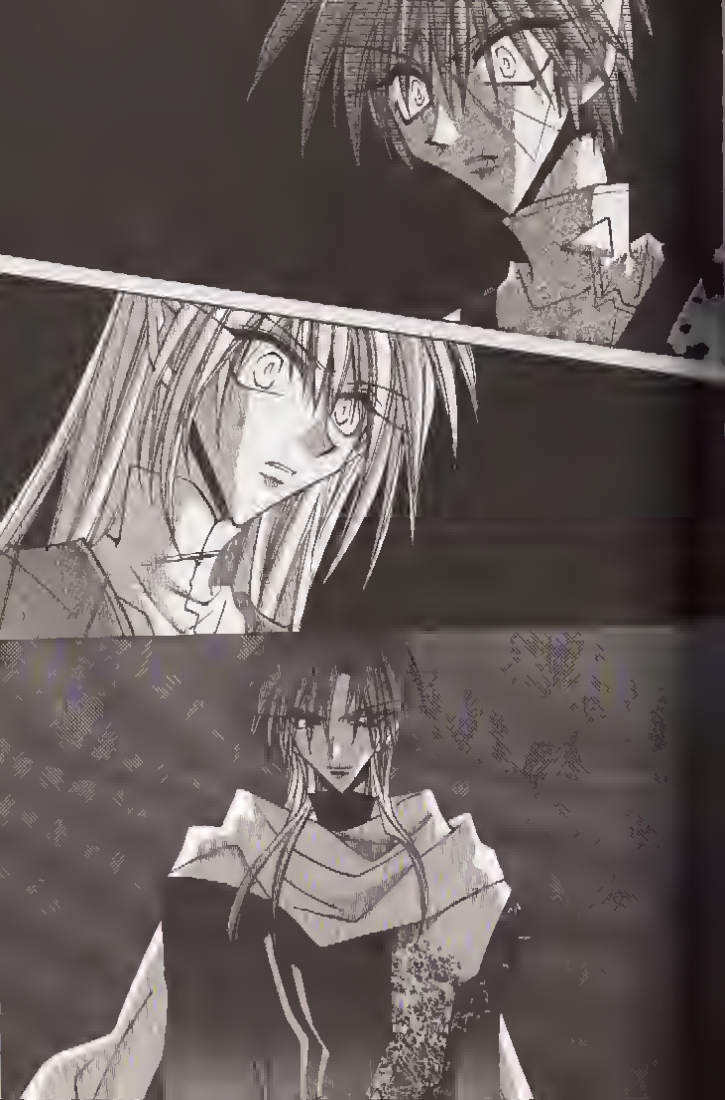
DESPITE ALL YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH...
...YOU'VE MANAGED TO KEEP YOUR GOOD LOOKS.
?!
YOU DON'T REMEMBER, DO YOU?
YOU WILL SEE WITH MY EYES.
YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT WHICH YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN-

!!
RATH!!
WHOOSH!
RATH?
!!
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
I'VE JUST GIVEN YOU A TASTE...
...BUT DO YOU REMEMBER NOW?
YOU WERE A DEMON WITHOUT YOUR OWN BODY...

!!
GET OUT OF MY WAY, YOU BASTARD!!
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
RATH!!!
NO...
!!
...RATH ILLUSER.
YOUR BODY IS JUST A VESSEL...
...AND A VESSEL DOESN'T FEEL PAIN, DOES IT?

LEAVE HIM ALONE, NADIL!
I'LL KILL YOU!
YOUR BLOOD...
...IS ALSO FALSE. OR MAYBE IT'S BORROWED.
YOU CAN HELP ME DEMONSTRATE.
BE MY GUEST.
YOU WANTED TO KNOW WHAT I MEANT IN SAYING THAT WE WOULD HURT EACH OTHER?
I KNOW YOU WANT TO KILL ME...
...SO I WILL TELL YOU HOW.
THE FIRST THING YOU MUST DO...


...IS KILL YOUR FRIEND RATH.
BECAUSE RATH'S WHOLE REASON FOR BEING...
...IS TO CONTAIN AND PROTECT MY SOUL.



HEH HEH...
YOU LOOK SURPRISED... BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE.

HOW ELSE COULD I SURVIVE FOR SO LONG IN PIECES--MY HEAD SEPARATED FROM MY BODY SUBMERGED IN THE FOUL STINK OF YOUR REALM'S PURITY?
IF I AM TO BE KILLED...
...YOU MUST FIRST...
...DESTROY MY CONTAINER.
IT IS INTERESTI THE ONE STORING M SOUL WAS SUPPOSED T HAVE A SOU COMPATIB WITH MINE.
BUT WHEN I HID IN HIS BODY AS THEY PREPARED MINE FOR RESURRECTION ... LEARNED A LOT ABOUT MY SOUL'S VESSEL.

MY SOUL...
...THE SOUL OF THE DEMON KING...
...AND...
...RATH'S DEMON SOUL--

SHIN
NGH!
I JUST TOLD YOU THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO KILL HIM FIRST.
THATZ ...
URGH ...
YOU HAVE THE WRONG DEMON.
GOD, MAN, DO YOU LISTEN TO ANYTHING?!

SUIT YOURSELF.
I'VE BEEN VERY CLEAR.
IF YOU WANT TO DESTROY MY SOUL...
...YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO.
NNGH!!

NO, IT DOESN'T.
AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, EVEN IF YOU DID KILL ME, I WOULDN'T DIE. NOT FOREVER, AT ANY RATE.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF DEATH IS TRULY POSSIBLE FOR ME.
KILLING RATH DOESN'T EVEN GUARANTEE YOUR DEATH, DOES IT?
YOU'RE DUMBER THAN I THOUGHT!
DO YOU ACTUALLY THINK WE'D KILL RATH?!
THATZ...
R-RUNE ...
Uhh?

KILL ME...
H-HURRY!
HE'S LYING! THERE HAS TO BE ANOTHER WAY!
NO!
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. THIS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE DRAGON LORD.
NO.

I'M OKAY WITH DYING. I'M READY.
RATH ILLUSER...
...YOU ARE MAKING TOO MANY ASSUMPTIONS.
LORD LYKOULEON MUST LIVE! EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON HIM. W WITHOUT HIM...
...THE WORLD WILL FALL INTO DARKNESS.
WHO SAYS LYKOULEON WILL SURVIVE?
I'M AFRAID LYKOULEON'S FATE IS SEALED...
...WHETHER YOU LIVE OR NOT.

YOUR LORD'S SKIN HAS BEEN OPENED. IT'S A WOUND THAT WILL NEVER HEAL.

I PITY YOU, DEMON WITHOUT A BODY...
THE CURSE IS ALREADY COMPLETE. IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE ITS EFFECTS ARE FINAL.
HE BLEEDS, AND SOONER OR LATER...
...HIS BLOOD WILL SOAK INTO THE EARTH OF DUSIS, LEAVING HIM DRY AND LIFELESS.

...SUCCESSOR TO THE DRAGON LORD.

WHAT THE DEVIL IS THAT?
I FEAR...
...WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.
CLANK
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HUH!
DAMMIT!
...RUN!!
TETHEUS...

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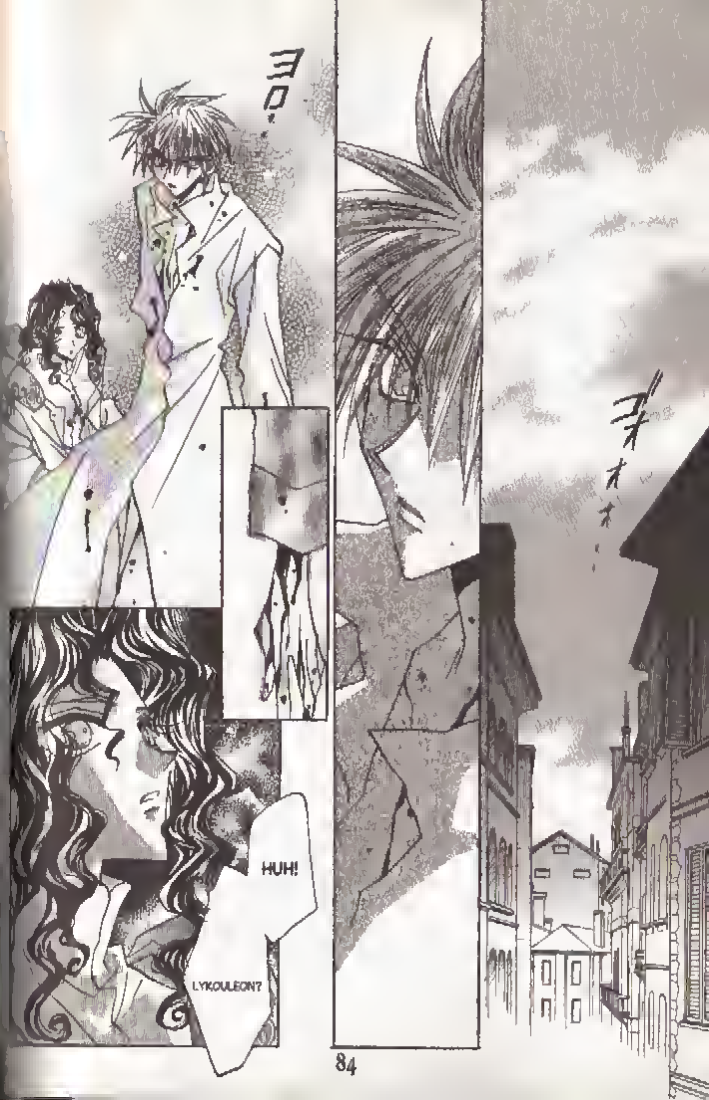
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HUH!
LYKOULEON?

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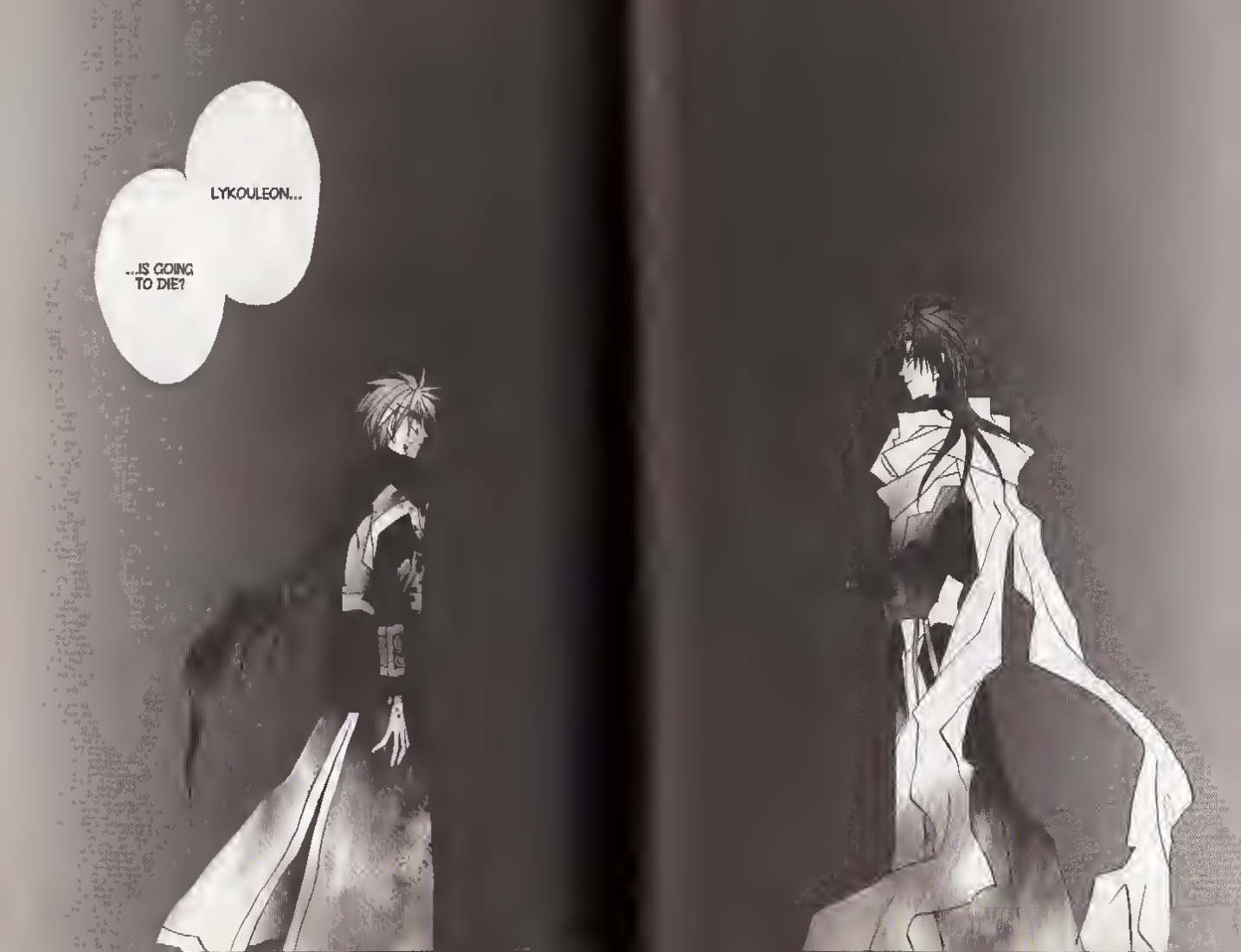
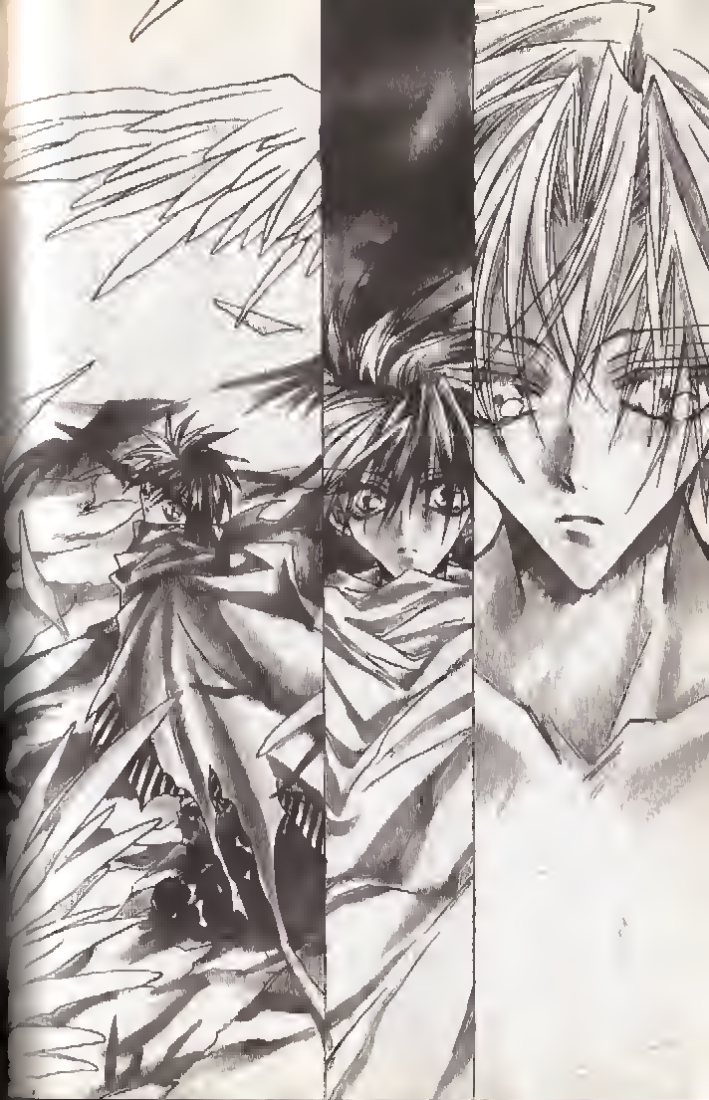
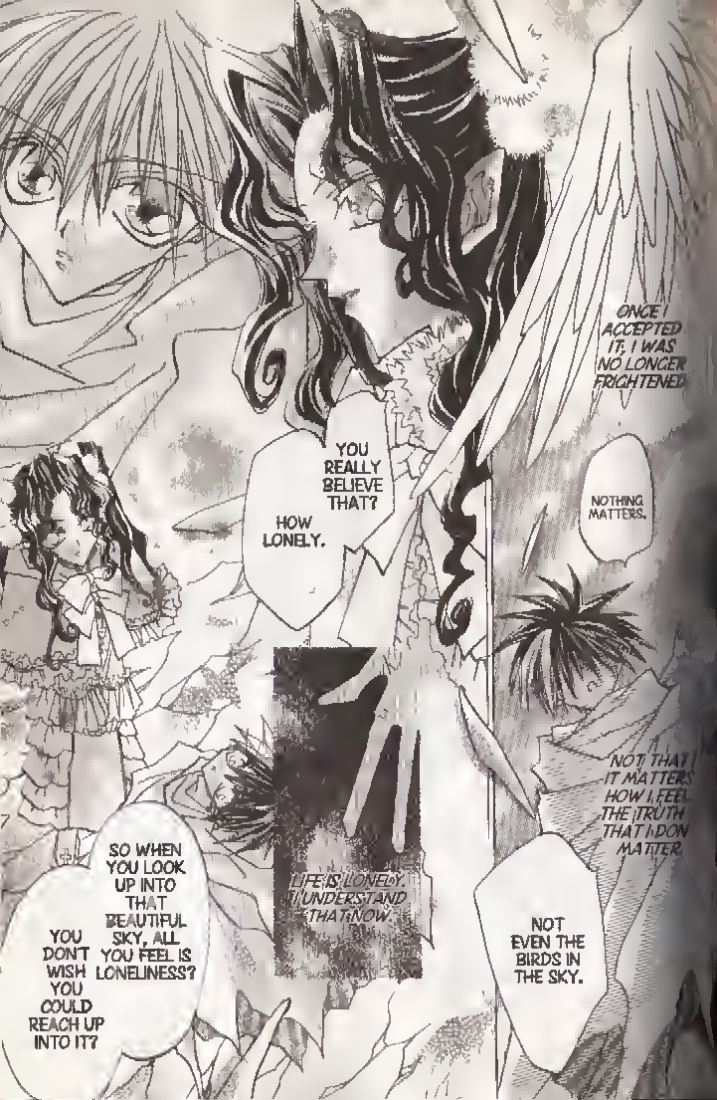

LYKOULEON...
...IS GOING TO DIE?

!!
DAMN YOUR LIES, NADIL! YOU'RE TRYING TO GET US TO KILL RATH!
WELL, YOU CAN FORGET IT!
HEH HEH HEH...
PERHAPS RATH IS RIGHT?
MAYBE IT WILL LIFT WHEN I'M DEAD.
YOUR CURSE...
IS IT REVERS-IBLE?!
RUNE...

...WHILE I'M ALIVE, NADIL CANNOT BE SLAIN
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE.
KILL HIM.
RATH, YOU'RE INSANE! YOU DON'T SERIOUSLY EXPECT US TO KILL YOU, DO YOU?!
RATH... NO.
THEN IF NEITHER OF YOU WILL KILL ME...

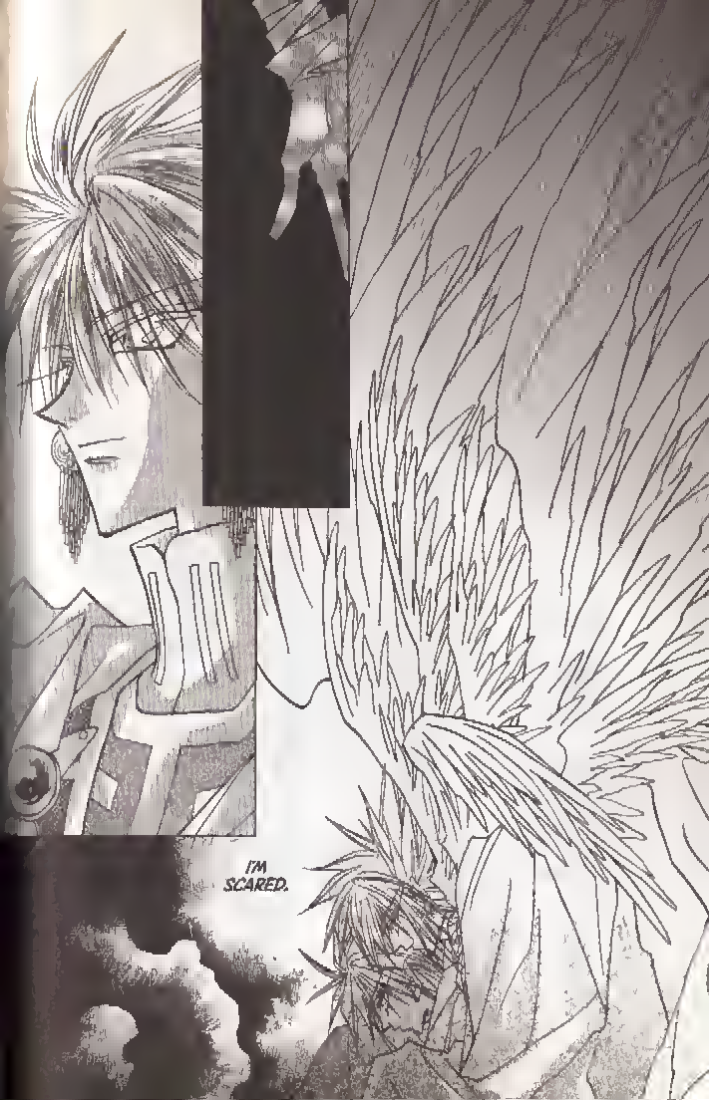
IT HAS RETURNED TO ME. THAT WHICH I KNEW I HAD LOST. THE TRUTH ABOUT MY EXISTENCE.
THE TRUTH IS THAT I CAN HAVE NO EXISTENCE, BECAUSE NOTHING IN OUR WORLD WILL CHANGE...
...UNLESS I CEASE TO BE.
...THEN...
...I'LL KILL MYSELF.
NOOOO!!

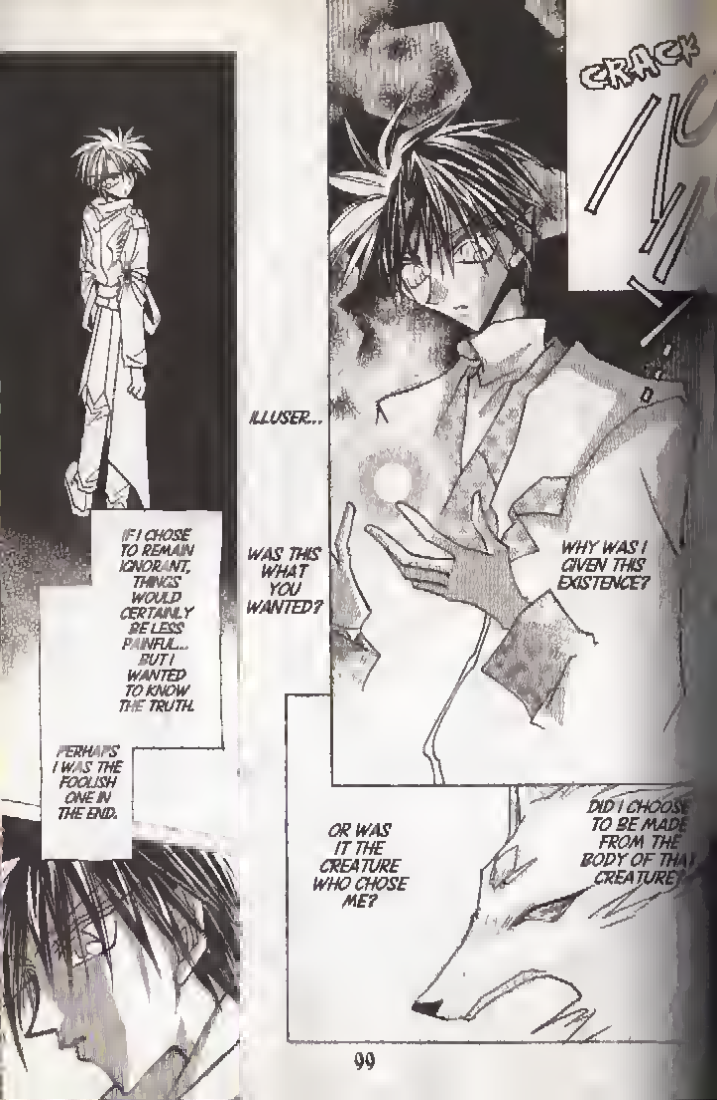



ONCE I ACCEPTED IT, I WAS NO LONGER FRIGHTENED.
NOTHING MATTERS.
NOT THAT IT MATTERS. HOW I FEEL. THE TRUTH THAT I DON MATTER.
NOT EVEN THE BIRDS IN THE SKY.
YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?
HOW LONELY.
LIFE IS LONELY. I UNDERSTAND THAT NOW.
SO WHEN YOU LOOK UP INTO THAT BEAUTIFUL SKY, ALL YOU FEEL IS LONELINESS?
YOU DON'T WISH YOU COULD REACH UP INTO IT?

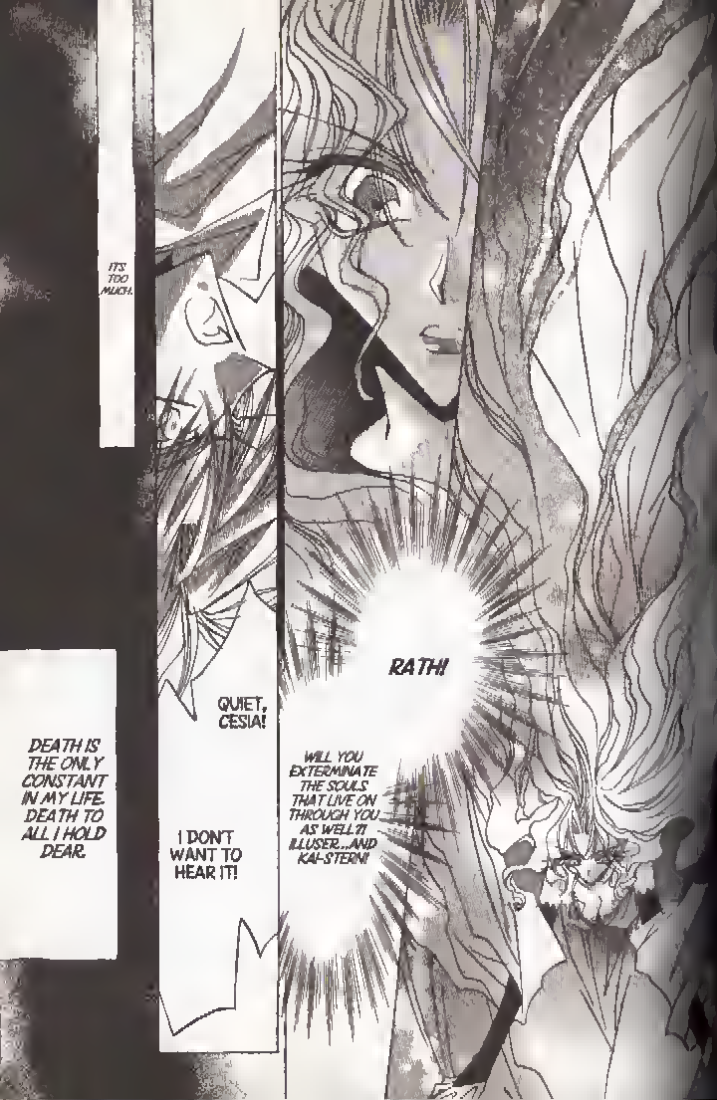
I LO
AT THAT
SKY AND
I WISH
I HAD
WINGS.
THAT'S
MY LITTLE
DREAM.
E LET OUR
DREAMS
DISTRACT
US FROM
REALITY.
YES.
THAT'S
RIGHT.
IT'S A
DREAM.
NOTHING
MORE.
EXACTLY.
BUT IF YOU
REFUSE TO
HOPE AND
DREAM...
... REALITY
HOLDS
NO FEAR
FOR US.
IT'S WARM
HERE, AND
I DON'T
WANT TO
LEAVE.
THAT'S THE
REALITY
OF THE
SITUATION.
A FEW
WEEKS
AGO, THAT
THOUGHT
WOULD
HAVE REALLY
FRIGHTENED
ME.

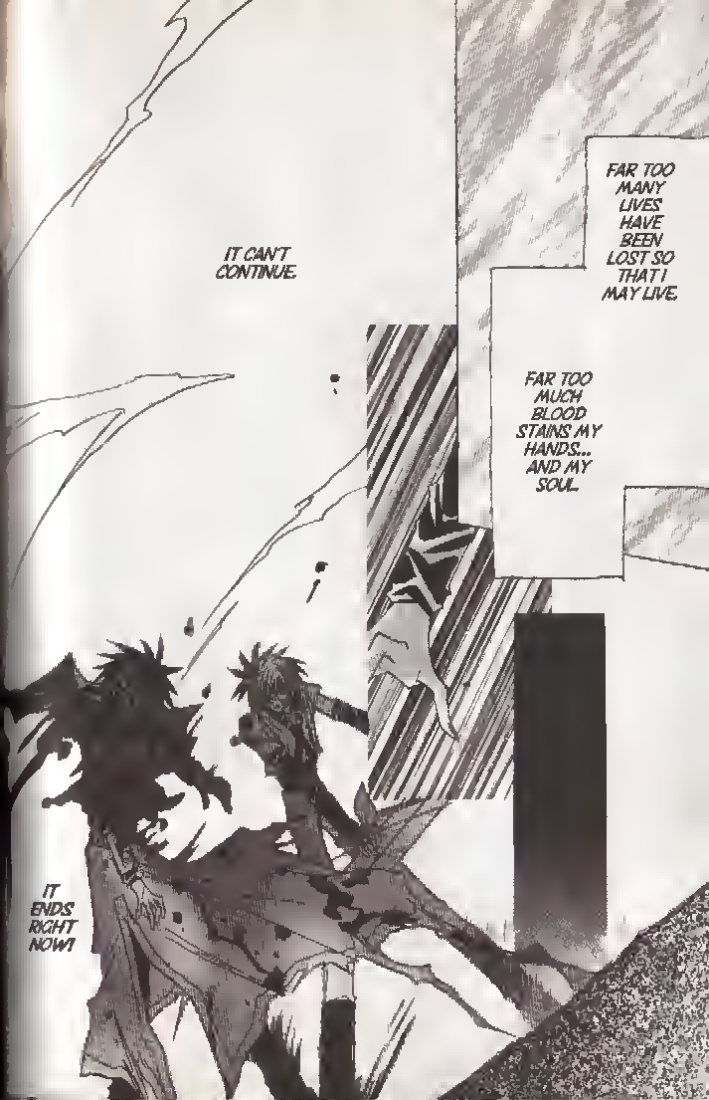
I CAN RECREATE ANYTHING FOR YOU.
BIRDS, SNOW, FLOWERS, WIND...
...WINGS... AND EVEN YOUR SOUL.
NOW THAT I KNOW WARMTH, I CAN NO LONGER RETURN TO THE COLD
BUT IT'S SO COLD THERE.
WITH ME DREAMS ARE REALITY.
COME BACK TO ME.


I'M SCARED.


CRACK
ILLUSER...
WHY WAS I GIVEN THIS EXISTENCE?
WAS THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?
IF I CHOSE TO REMAIN IGNORANT, THINGS WOULD CERTAINLY BE LESS PAINFUL... BUT I WANTED TO KNOW THE TRUTH.
PERHAPS I WAS THE FOOLISH ONE IN THE END.
DID I CHOOSE TO BE MADE FROM THE BODY OF THAT CREATURE?
OR WAS IT THE CREATURE WHO CHOSE ME?

AND THE DEMISE OF A FOOLISH SOUL IS...
...NO GREAT LOSS.

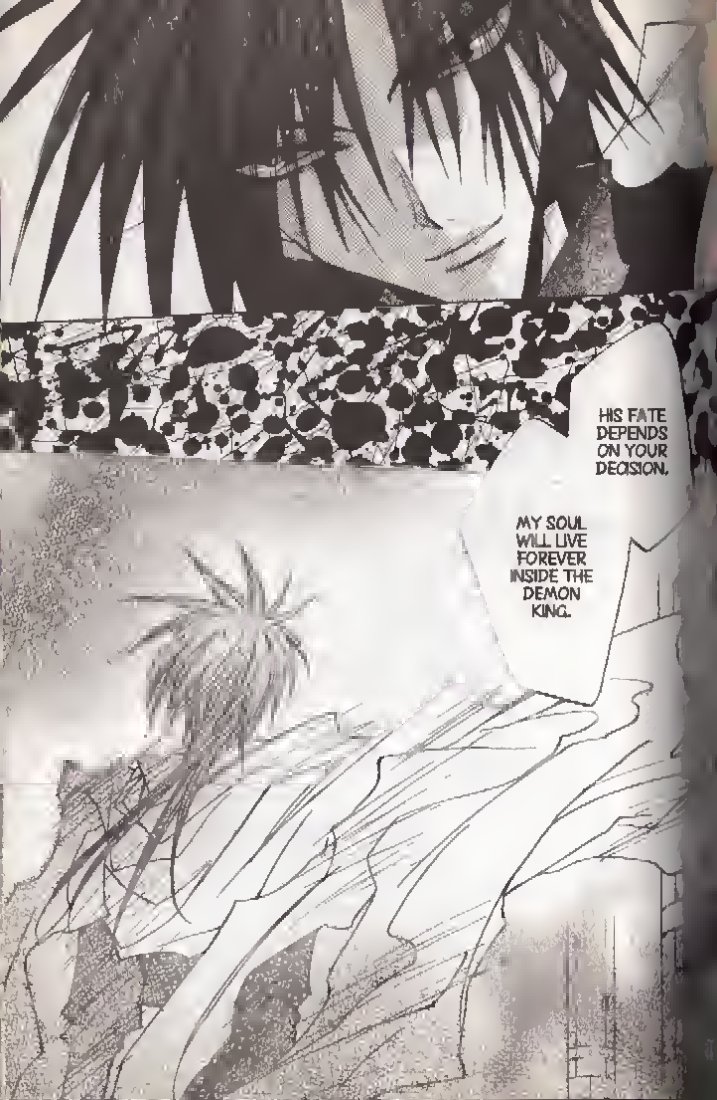

IT'S TOO MUCH.
QUIET, CESIA!
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT!
DEATH IS THE ONLY CONSTANT IN MY LIFE. DEATH TO ALL I HOLD DEAR.
RATH!
WILL YOU EXTERMINATE THE SOULS THAT LIVE ON THROUGH YOU AS WELL?! ILLUSER...AND KAI-STERN!


IT CAN'T CONTINUE.
FAR TOO MANY LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST SO THAT I MAY LIVE.
FAR TOO MUCH BLOOD STAINS MY HANDS... AND MY SOUL.
IT ENDS RIGHT NOW!

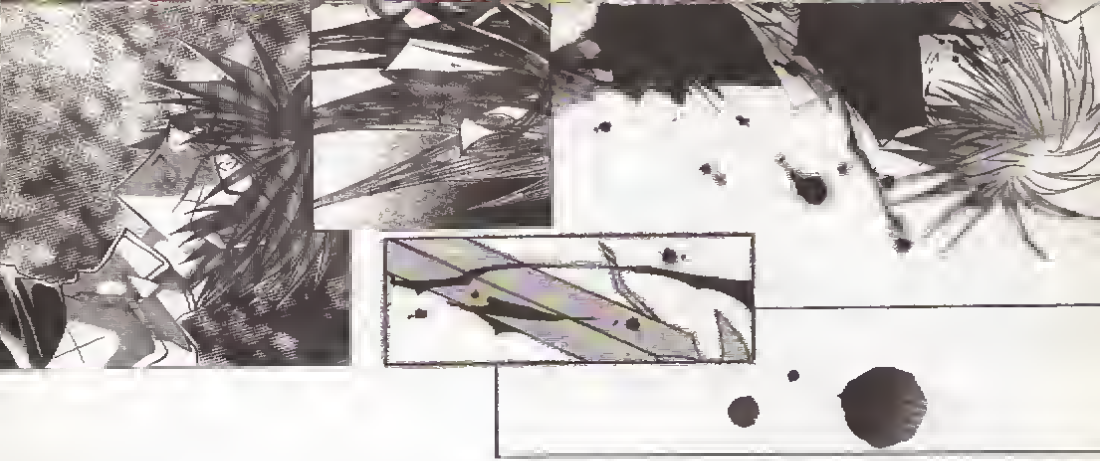
THAT'S DAMN YOU!
GIVE IT BACK!
OTHERWISE, I'LL HAVE FIRE KILL ME!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
ON THE CON-TRARY ...
!!
...I THINK...
..THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
Ooh hoh hoh~

...RATH IS IMMORTAL.
LET HIM DIE.
NO MATTER HOW OR HOW MANY TIMES YOU KILL HIM, HE'LL COME BACK. AS LONG AS HE HOUSES LORD NADIL'S SOUL..
THEIR SOULS ARE FOREVER INTERTWINED-- THE DEMON LORD'S...
...AND THE DEMON KING'S.

ENOUGH!
THE DECISION IS YOURS. EITHER KILL RATH NOW...
...OR WATCH HIM LIVE FOREVER AS MY GUARDIAN.
THE DEMON ...
...KING'S?
A BORROWED BODY...
A BORROWED SOUL...
STOP SAYING THAT!
FEDELTA, ALL YOU SHOULD CONCERN YOURSELF WITH...
...IS WHO'S PROTECTING YOUR SOUL.

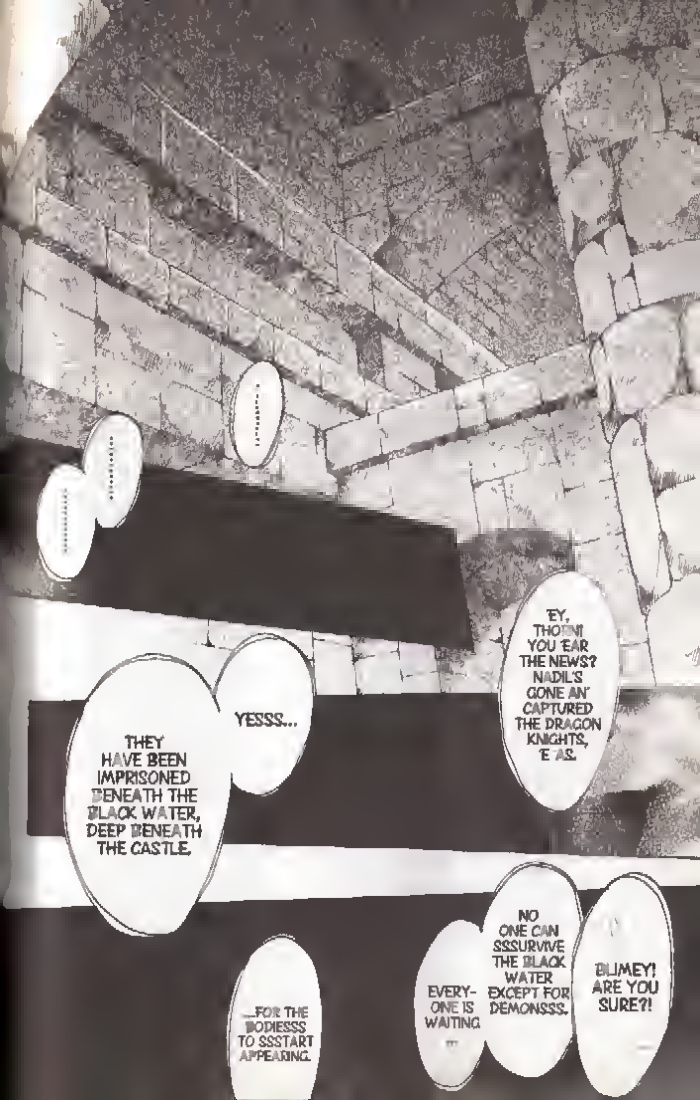

HIS FATE DEPENDS ON YOUR DECISION.
MY SOUL WILL LIVE FOREVER INSIDE THE DEMON KING.

DON'T YOU ALREADY KNOW... YOUR ANSWER?
SO WHAT WILL IT BE, DRAGON KNIGHTS?
DO I LIVE, OR DOES RATH DIE?
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDS TO DIE!
DIE AND RYONE SE CAN HOME!



OF THE THREE OF US, YOU KNOW I'M THE STRONGEST! THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP ME!
THAT'S RUNE!
HEH HEH ...
HA HA HA HA!
FRUS-TRATING, ISN'T IT?
THERE ISN'T ANYTHING EITHER OF YOU CAN DO.
THE BITTER TRUTH COMES OUT.

DONT YOU REMEMBER?
I TOLD YOU I'D KILL YOU SOMEDAY.
THATZ ...
WHY, IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY YOU TWO HAD ALREADY GIVEN UP.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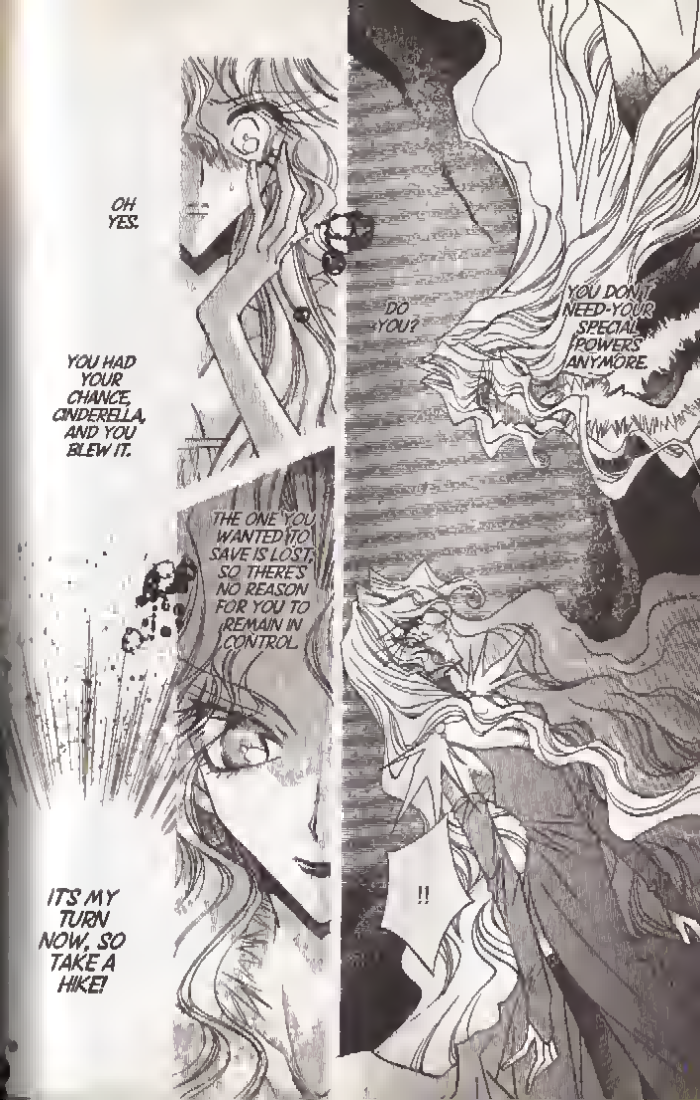
'EY, THOR! YOU 'EAR THE NEWS? NADIL'S GONE AN' CAPTURED THE DRAGON KNIGHTS, 'E AS.
YESSS...
THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED BENEATH THE BLACK WATER, DEEP BENEATH THE CASTLE.
...FOR THE BODIESSS TO SSSTART APPEARING.
EVERY-ONE IS WAITING
NO ONE CAN SSSURVIVE THE BLACK WATER EXCEPT FOR DEMONSSS.
BLIMEY! ARE YOU SURE?!

I ALWAYS KNEW THEY WEREN'T THE BRIGHTEST CREW...
...BUT I DIDN'T THINK THEY WERE ABSOLUTE MORONS!
WAIT A MINUTE...
?!
IDIOTS!
NO!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE LOST SO EASILY!
STUPID!
SINCE THEY'VE GIVEN UP...
...DOESN'T THAT MEAN...?


OH YES.
YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, CINDERELLA, AND YOU BLEW IT.
THE ONE YOU WANTED TO SAVE IS LOST, SO THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO REMAIN IN CONTROL.
ITS MY TURN NOW, SO TAKE A HIKE!
DO YOU?
YOU DON'T NEED YOUR SPECIAL POWERS ANYMORE.
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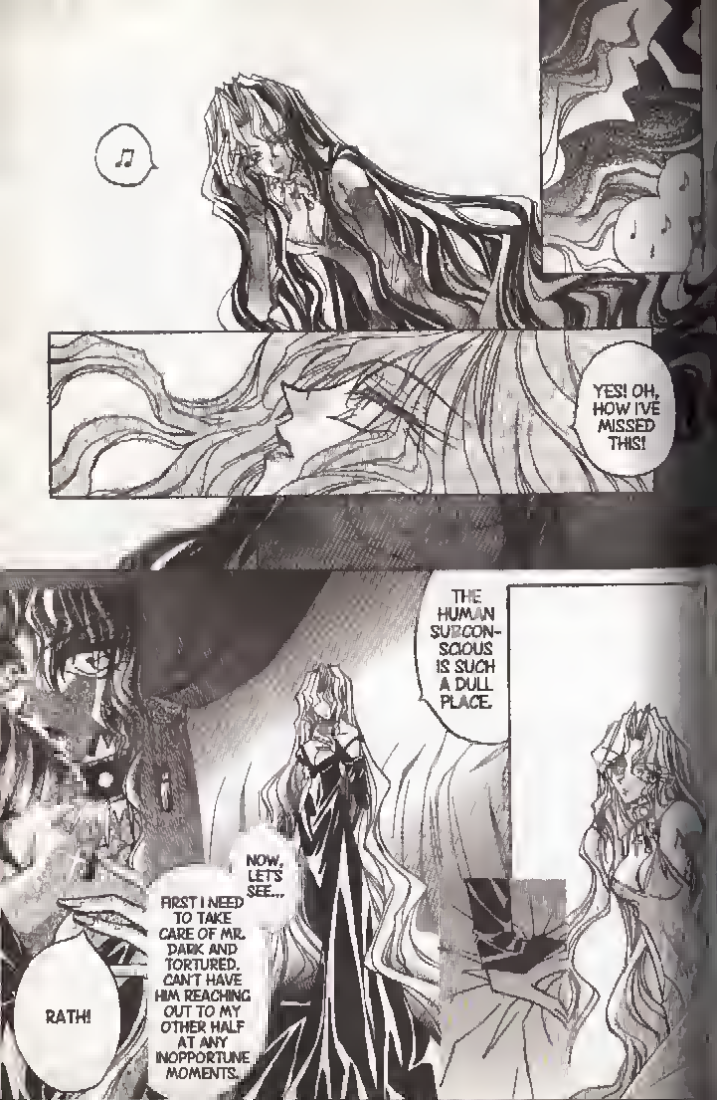
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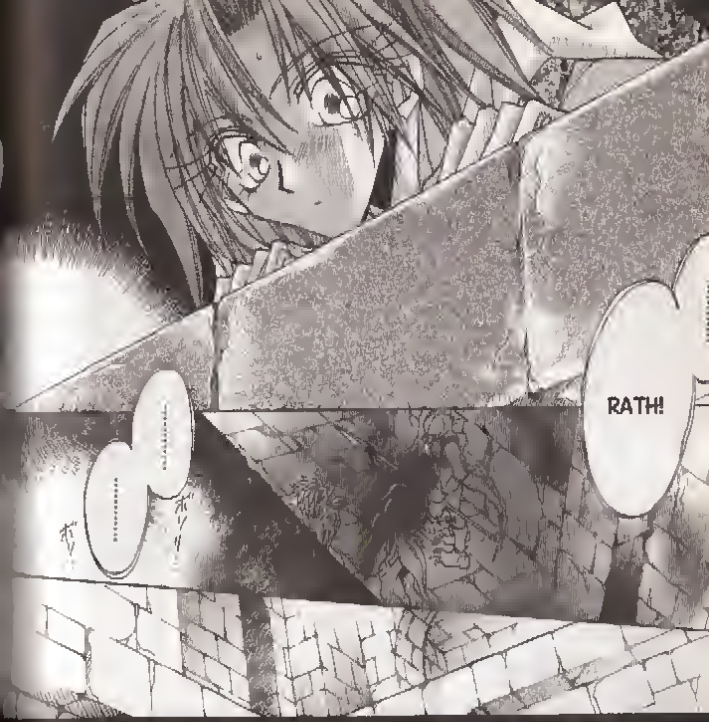
YES! OH, HOW I'VE MISSED THIS!
THE HUMAN SUBCON-SCIOUS IS SUCH A DULL PLACE.
NOW, LET'S SEE...
FIRST I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF MR. DARK AND TORTURED. CAN'T HAVE HIM REACHING OUT TO MY OTHER HALF AT ANY INOPPORTUNE MOMENTS.
RATH!


RATH!
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NO... THAT COULD ONLY MEAN...
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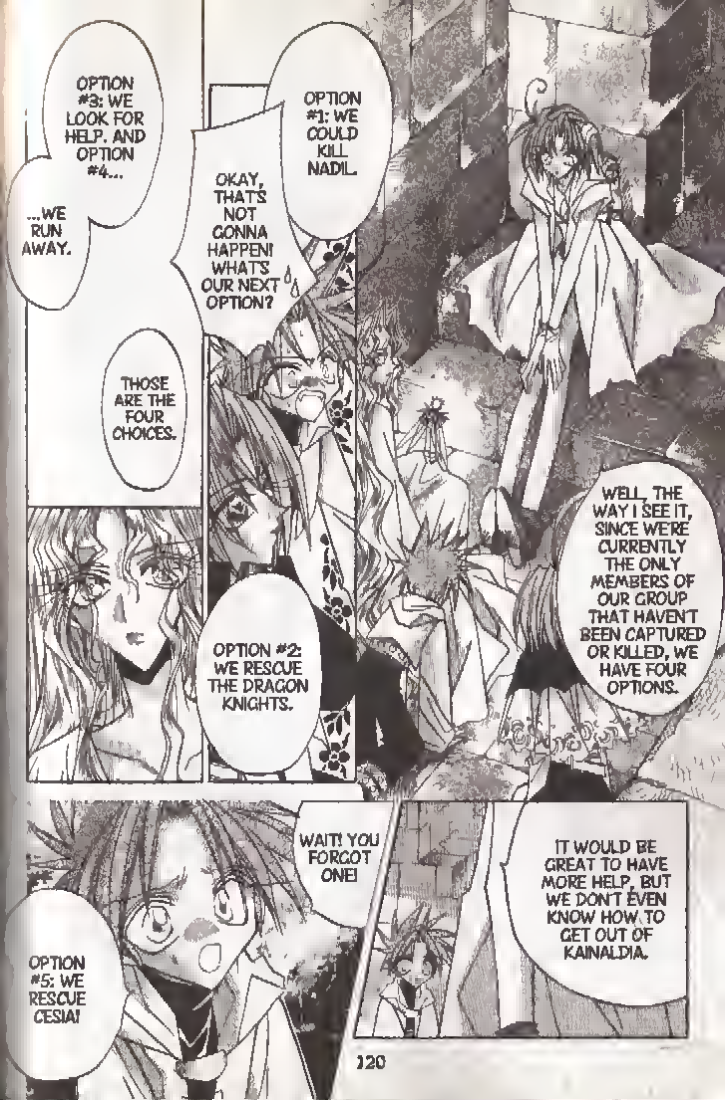
...THAT ALL THREE OF THEM WERE CAPTURED!
SHHHH!!
YOU'RE TOO LOUD, KITCHEL!!
EEEEEK!
!!
Whoa!
IF YOU CAN'T STAY QUIET, WE'LL SOON BE JOINING THEM!
FOR NOW...
...LET'S FORGET ABOUT THOSE THREE.

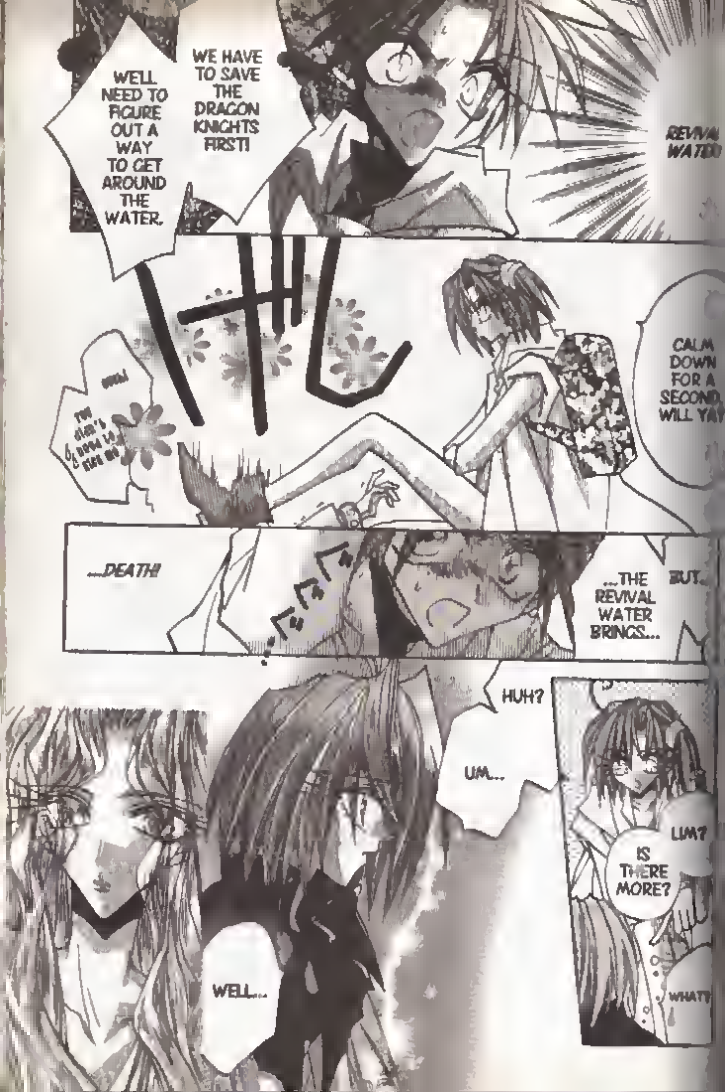

WELL, THE WAY I SEE IT, SINCE WE'RE CURRENTLY THE ONLY MEMBERS OF OUR GROUP THAT HAVEN'T BEEN CAPTURED OR KILLED, WE HAVE FOUR OPTIONS.
OPTION #1: WE COULD KILL NADIL.
OKAY, THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN! WHAT'S OUR NEXT OPTION?
OPTION #2: WE RESCUE THE DRAGON KNIGHTS.
THOSE ARE THE FOUR CHOICES.
OPTION #3: WE LOOK FOR HELP. AND OPTION #4...
...WE RUN AWAY.
IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE MORE HELP, BUT WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET OUT OF KAINALDIA.
WAIT! YOU FORGOT ONE!
OPTION #5: WE RESCUE CESIA!

YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, ZOMA.
WE HAVE FIVE OPTIONS. AND THIS NEW FIFTH ONE MAY BE THE BEST OF THEM ALL, SINCE A FORTUNETELLER MIGHT BE ABLE TO SEND US BACK TO THE DRAGON CASTLE.
KITCHEL --
...YOU'RE REALLY TOO MUCH.
CESIA?
OH YES! LYKOULEON'S FORTUNETELLER! YOU CAME HERE TO GIVE THAT STICK TO HER.
...FINDING THIS DEMONIC WATER PRISON WHERE THEY'RE HOLDING THE DRAGON KNIGHTS...
...OR FINDING CESIA?
OKAY, IF WE'RE GOING TO ATTEMPT A RESCUE, WE SHOULD ASK OURSELVES WHICH WOULD BE EASIER...
UH, I--
.....
I DON'T SEE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE.
LIM!
RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY!

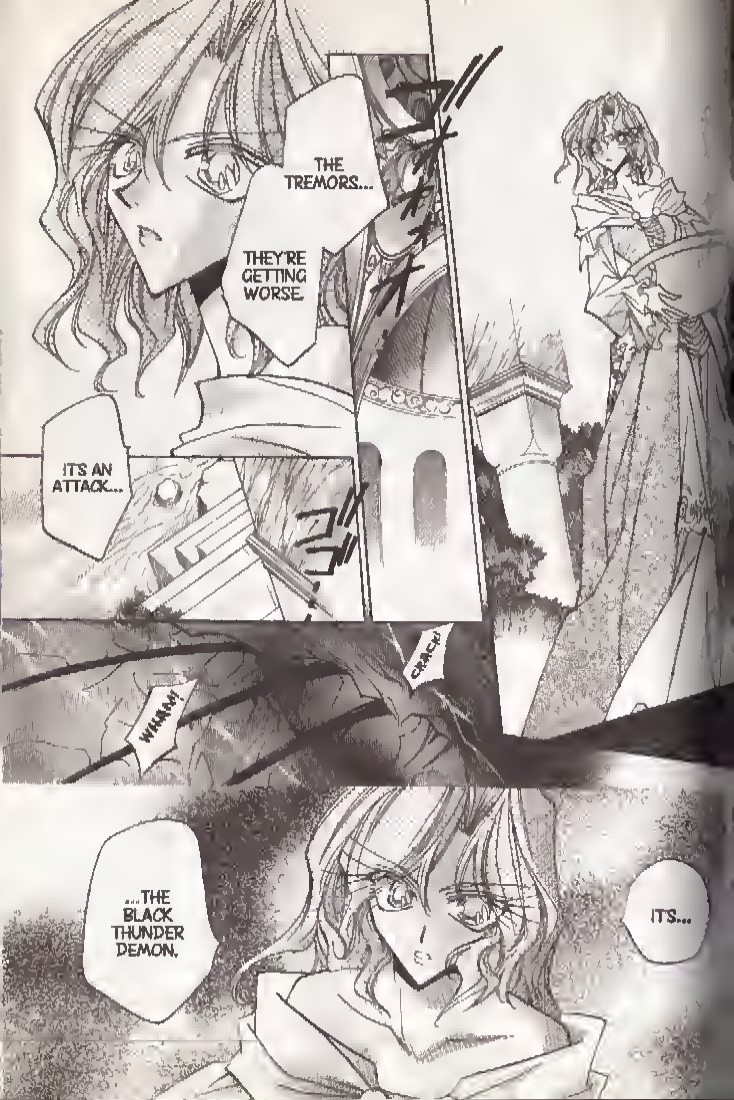
OKAY.
WHAT IS IT, LIM KAANA?
LISTEN ...
I...KNOW A BIT ABOUT THE WATER PRISON.
THE PRISON IS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY REVIVAL WATER.
IT'S NEARLY IMPENE-TRABLE.
!!
?
IF THE DRAGON KNIGHTS TRY TO ESCAPE BY BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS...
...OR IF THEY EVEN TOUCH THE WATER...
REVIVAL WATER?

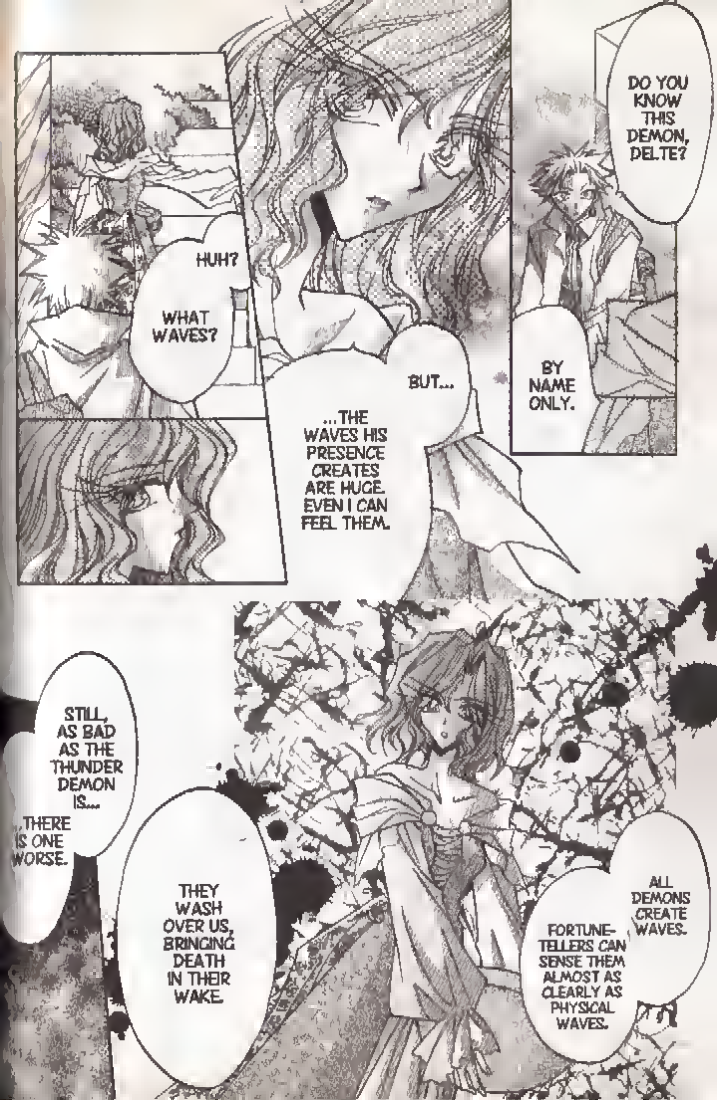
NO!
THEY'LL ALL DIE!
?!
SO THEY WILL EITHER DIE FROM THE WATER...
...OR SLOWLY WASTE AWAY IN THEIR CELLS.
THAT'S RIGHT, ZOMA.
REVIVAL WATER WILL KILL ANY LIVING THING THAT'S NOT A DEMON.

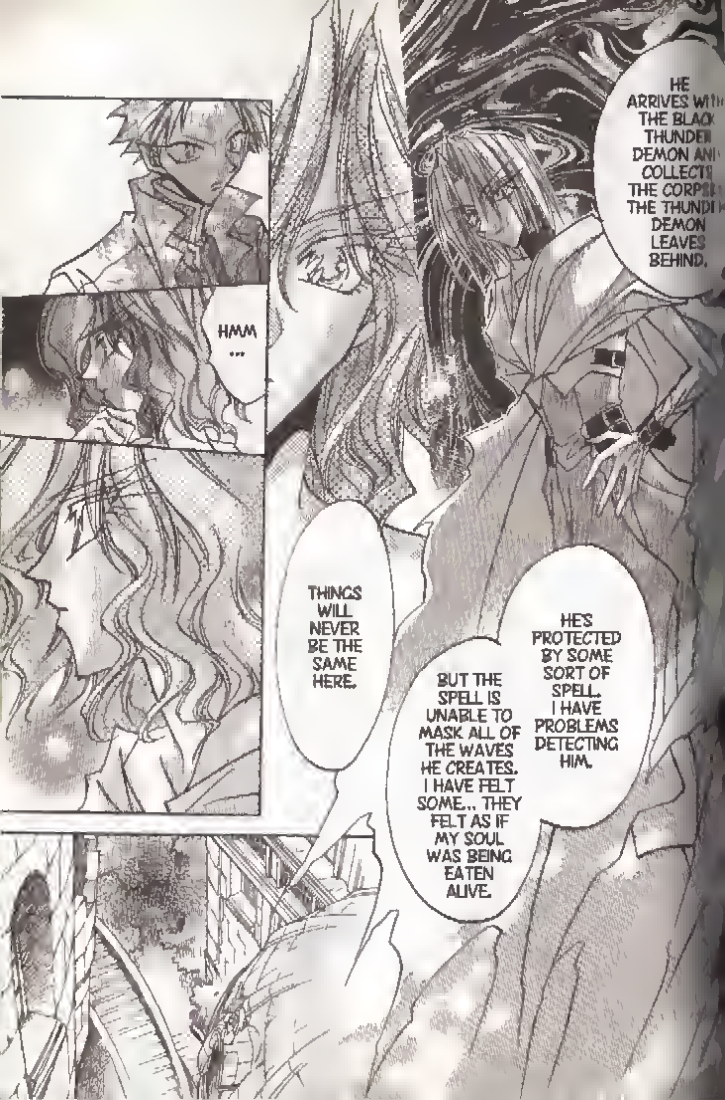
BUT THEN...
...HOW CAN WE SAVE THEM?
WHAT DO WE DO?


WELL NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET AROUND THE WATER.
WE HAVE TO SAVE THE DRAGON KNIGHTS FIRST!
REVIVAL WATER!
CALM DOWN FOR A SECOND, WILL YA?
...DEATH!
...THE REVIVAL WATER BRINGS...
BUT...
HUH?
UM...
WELL...
UM?
IS THERE MORE?
WHAT?

I STILL HAVE TINTLET'S MEMORY.
IT'S STILL HERE IN MY MIND.
KRRRUHHLE


THE TREMORS...
THEY'RE GETTING WORSE.
ITS AN ATTACK...
CRACK!
WHAAA!
...THE BLACK THUNDER DEMON.
ITS...


DO YOU KNOW THIS DEMON, DEL'TE?
BY NAME ONLY.
BUT...
...THE WAVES HIS PRESENCE CREATES ARE HUGE. EVEN I CAN FEEL THEM.
HUH?
WHAT WAVES?
ALL DEMONS CREATE WAVES.
FORTUNE-TELLERS CAN SENSE THEM ALMOST AS CLEARLY AS PHYSICAL WAVES.
THEY WASH OVER US, BRINGING DEATH IN THEIR WAKE.
STILL, AS BAD AS THE THUNDER DEMON IS...
...THERE IS ONE WORSE.


HE ARRIVES WITH THE BLACK THUNDER DEMON AND COLLECTS THE CORPSE THE THUNDER DEMON LEAVES BEHIND.
HMM ...
THINGS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME HERE.
HE'S PROTECTED BY SOME SORT OF SPELL. I HAVE PROBLEMS DETECTING HIM.
BUT THE SPELL IS UNABLE TO MASK ALL OF THE WAVES HE CREATES. I HAVE FELT SOME... THEY FELT AS IF MY SOUL WAS BEING EATEN ALIVE.

SOMETHING IS COMING. SOMETHING BAD.

WE MUST HURRY.
YES, MA'AM.
THE COLLECTOR OF CORPSES!!
HOW DARE HE BE SO RECKLESS!
UN-LESS...
...THIS WAS CAUSED BY THE BLACK THUNDER DEMON.
NOT THAT IT REALLY MATTERS. EITHER WAY, DEATH IS CREATED.
!!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
HE CAN SEE ME? THAT'S UNEXPECTED.
YOU ARE...
...THE COLLECTOR OF CORPSES ...
...ARE YOU NOT?
WHAT'S IT TO YOU?

NOW, WHO ARE YOU?
YOU APPARENTLY KNOW ME...
I AM NOT A FRIEND.
I CAN TELL YOU ONE THING...
RUN!!
GAR-ABA!
THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM HERE!
HEY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
OH, FOR THE LOVE OF...!

SUCH A PITY.
NOW WOULD BE THE PERFECT TIME TO KILL YOU...
...BUT I'M AFRAID THAT I JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME.
YOU'RE A REAL PIECE OF WORK, YOU KNOW THAT?!
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I THINK...I THINK YOU'RE A COWARD.
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I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?!
NOT EVEN CLOSE, CORPSE BOY.
HEY, BIG MAN!
JEEZ! TALK ABOUT BEING SLOW AND STUPID.
STOP TRASHING BUILDINGS AND FOCUS ON MAKING MORE CORPSES FOR ME!
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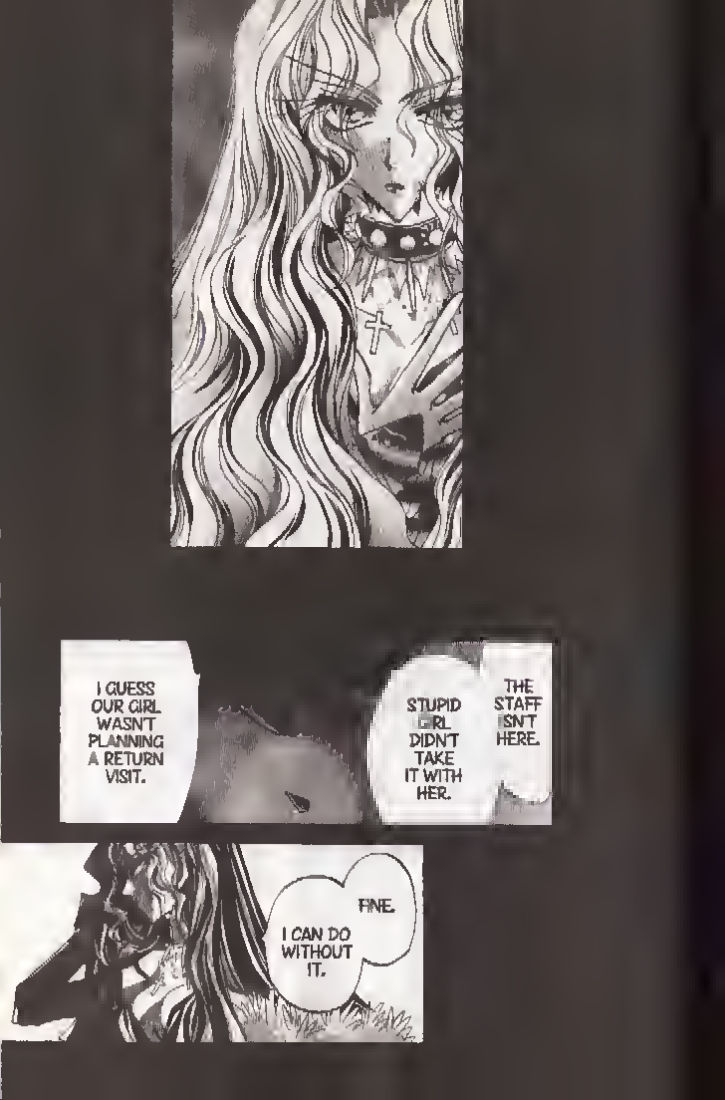
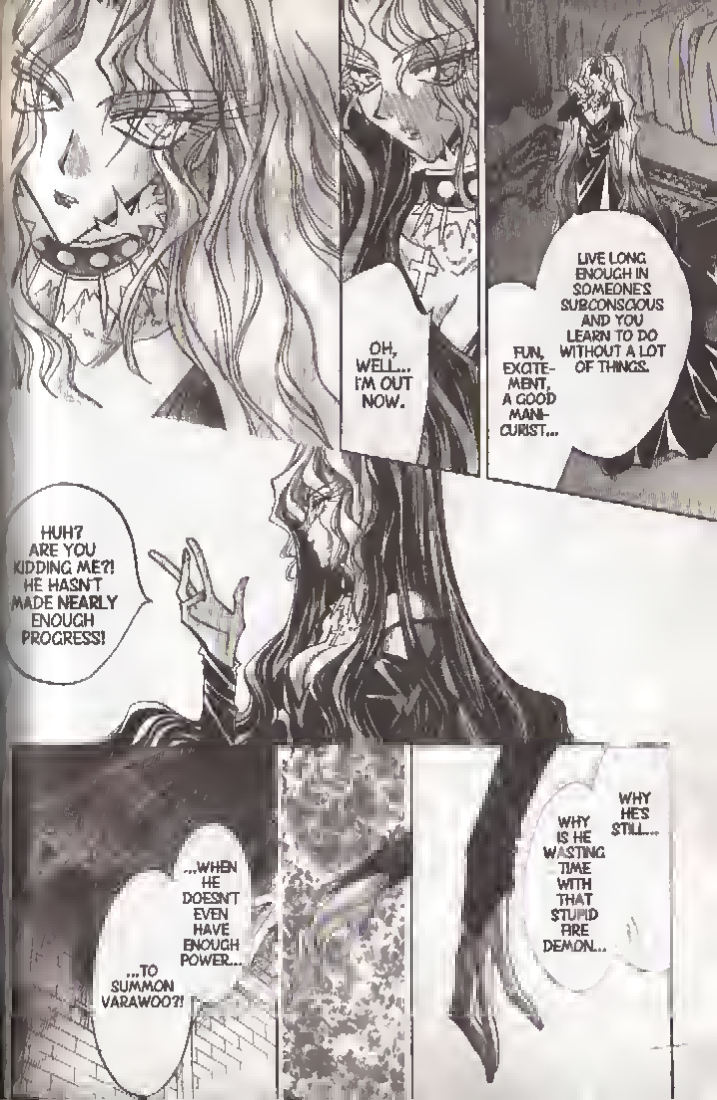
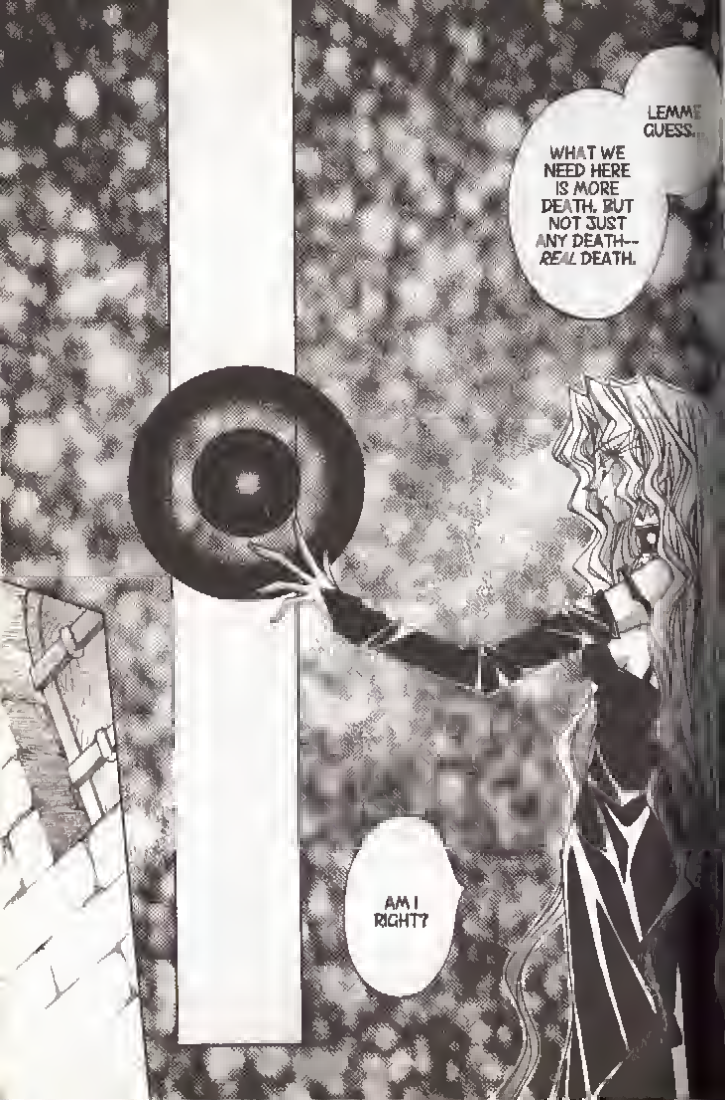

I GUESS OUR GIRL WASN'T PLANNING A RETURN VISIT.
STUPID GIRL DIDN'T TAKE IT WITH HER.
THE STAFF ISN'T HERE.
FINE.
I CAN DO WITHOUT IT.


OH, WELL... I'M OUT NOW.
LIVE LONG ENOUGH IN SOMEONE'S SUBCONSCIOUS AND YOU LEARN TO DO WITHOUT A LOT OF THINGS.
FUN, EXCITEMENT, A GOOD MANICURIST...
HUH? ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! HE HASN'T MADE NEARLY ENOUGH PROGRESS!
WHY HE'S STILL...
WHY IS HE WASTING TIME WITH THAT STUPID FIRE DEMON...
...WHEN HE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH POWER...
...TO SUMMON VARAWOO?!


LEMME GUESS...
WHAT WE NEED HERE IS MORE DEATH. BUT NOT JUST ANY DEATH-- *REAL* DEATH.
AM I RIGHT?

OOPS.
THERE YOU ARE! INTERESTING NEW LOOK.
HEY, ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?
WELL, THAT DID A WHOLE LOT OF NOTHING.
...TO DO A WOMAN'S JOB. THIS SHOULD BE FUN.
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ASK A DEMON...
FINE.

ONCE THAT HAPPENS, IT'LL BE TOO LATE.
I DO HAVE TO HURRY, THOUGH.
HAVE TO GET THIS DONE BEFORE RATH DECIDES TO REAWAKEN MY OTHER HALF.
OH, I GET IT!
WATER AGAINST WATER!
THE WATER OF CHANGE!
THIS SHOULD BE A BREEZE!
UM...I DOUBT IT.
YEAH, WE GET US SOME OF THAT WATER AND RATH, THATZ AND RUNE...
...ARE AS GOOD AS RESCUED!
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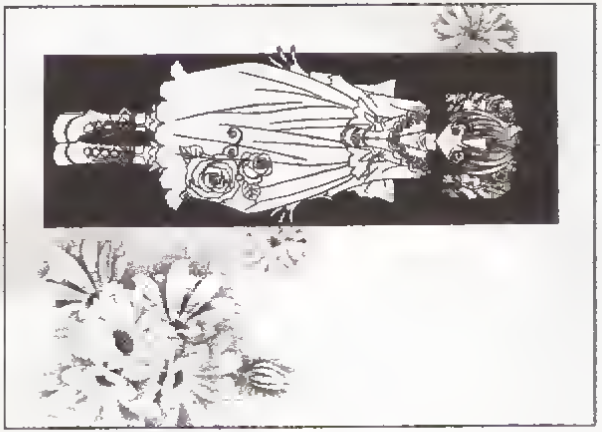

JUST ONE PROBLEM.
WE DON'T HAVE ANY WATER OF CHANGE!
WE'LL FIND SOME, BUT REMEMBER... THIS ISN'T A TREASURE YOU CAN KEEP, OKAY?
LIM!
HEY, LIM KAANA!
Hm?

Hm!!
Yo! Feeling right, Ruper?
SORRY! I ZONED OUT, BUT ALL THIS TALK IS TEDIOUS!
CARE TO JOIN US?
.....
WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
WELL, THEN ...
BUT A FEW MOMENTS AGO, I SAW AN IMAGE IN MY MIND. A DESERT! I THINK IT'S ONE OF TINTLET'S MEMORIES, AND I'LL BET THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE WATER OF CHANGE.
I DON'T KNOW.
A DESERT? GREAT.
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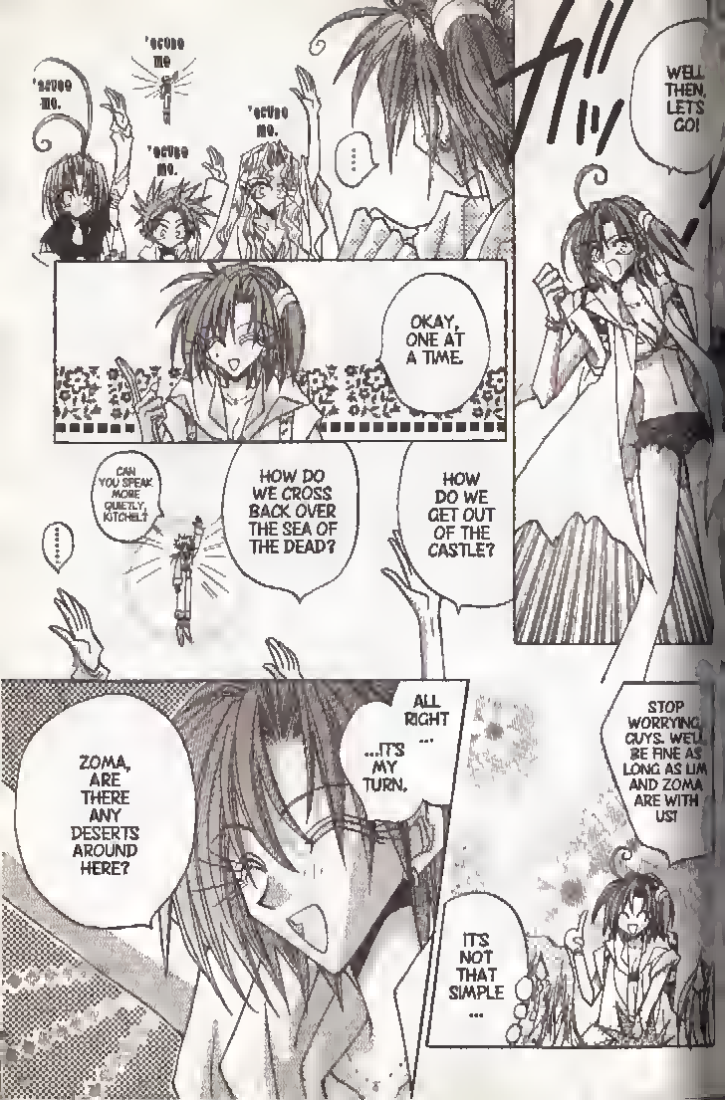
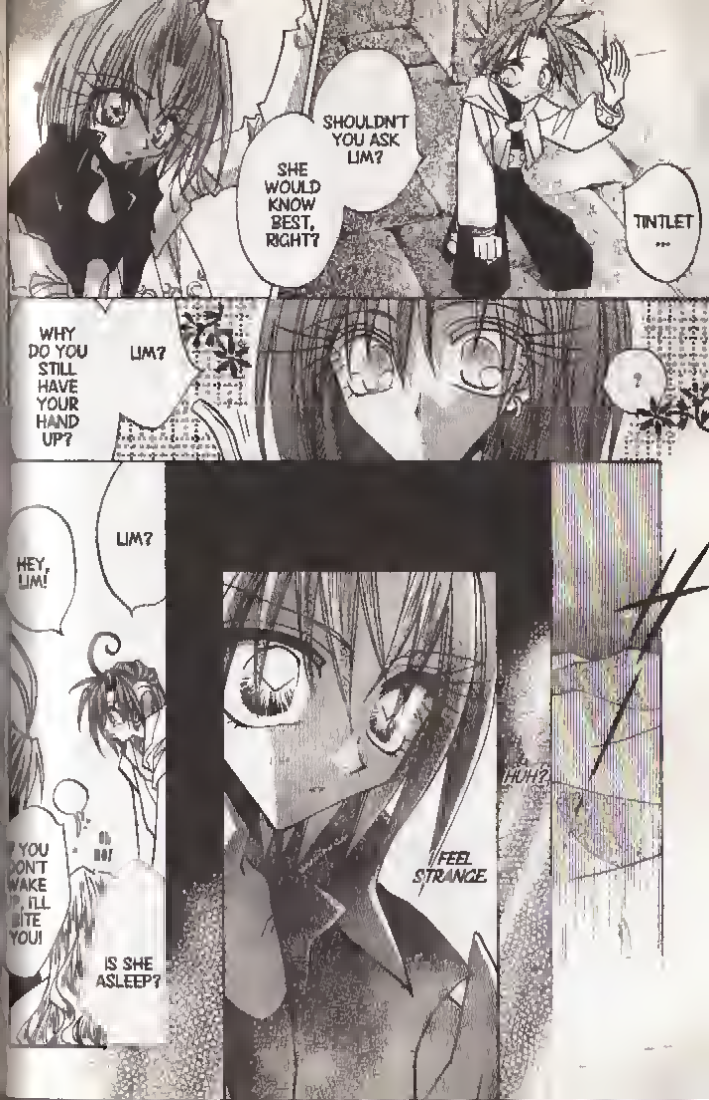
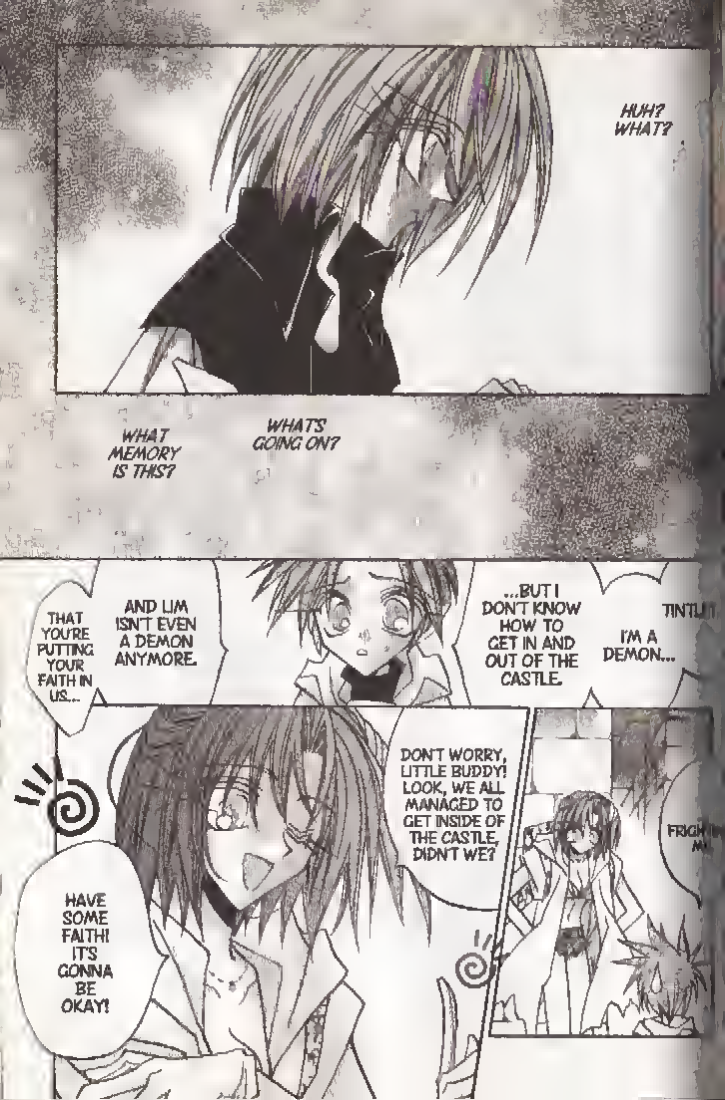
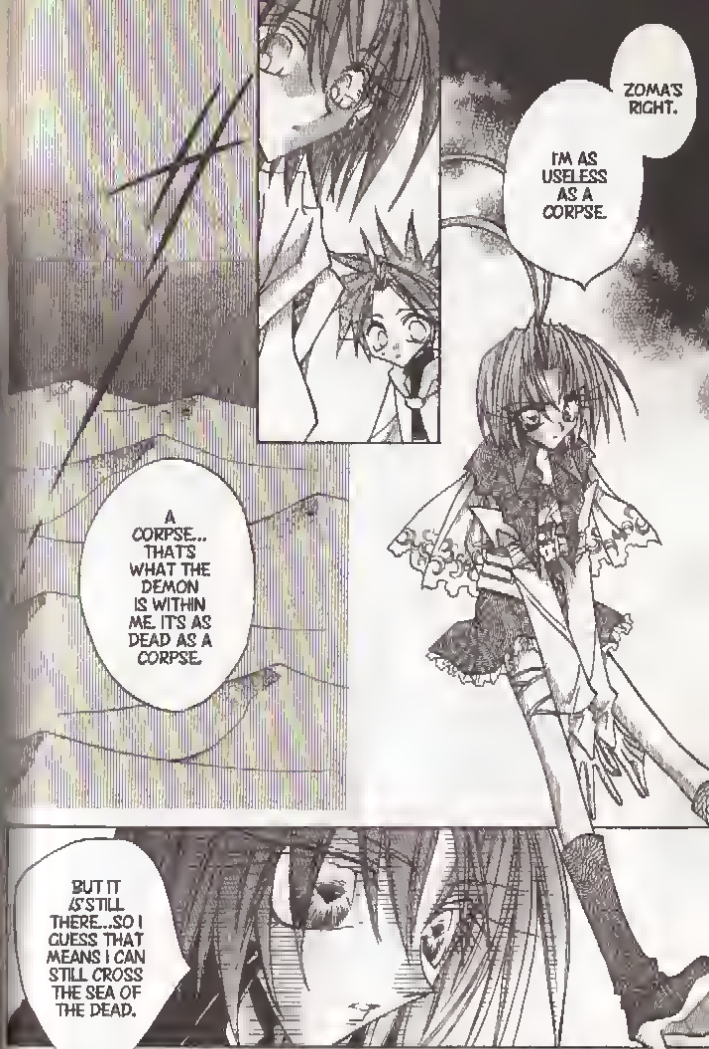
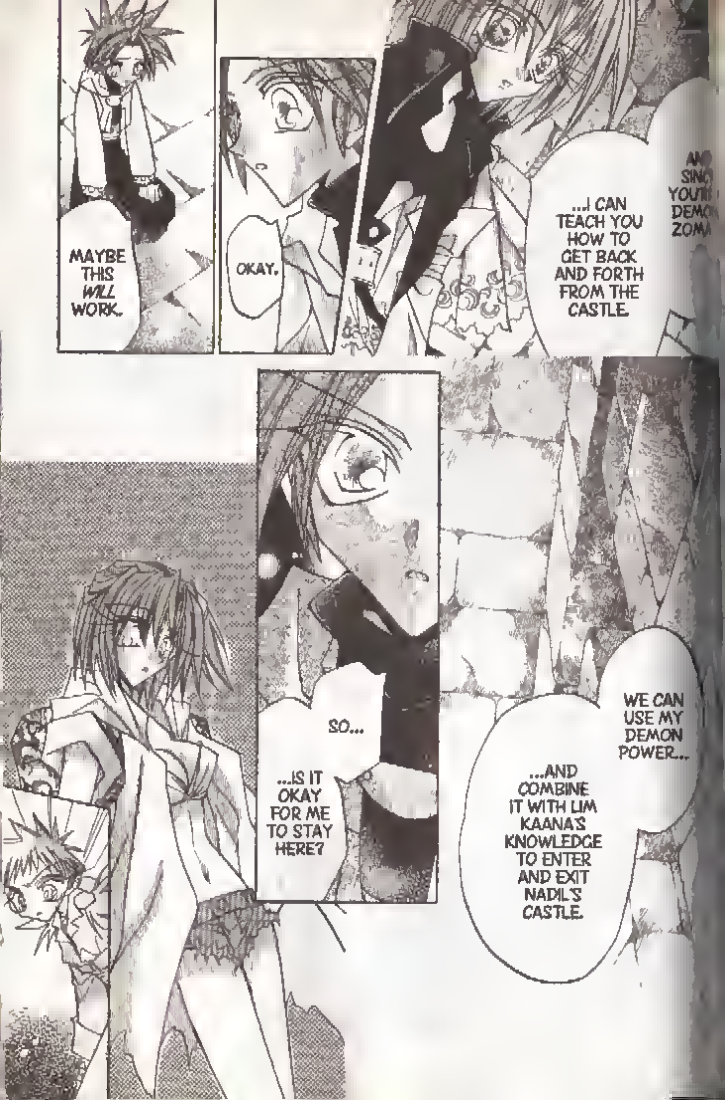
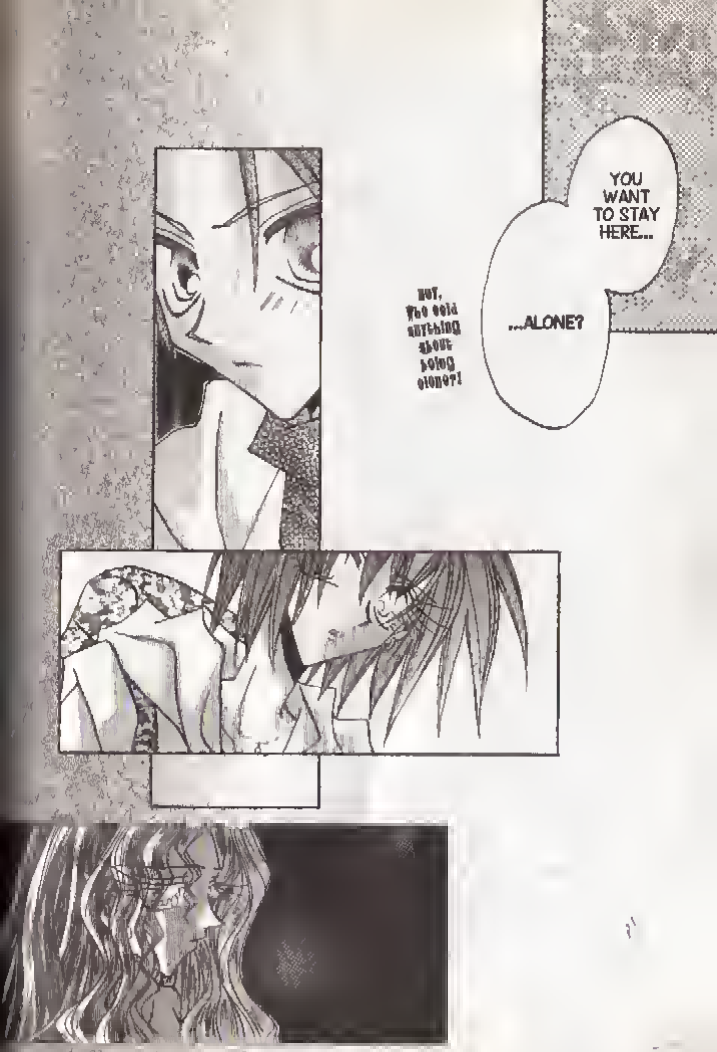

WELL THEN, LET'S GO!
OKAY, ONE AT A TIME.
HOW DO WE GET OUT OF THE CASTLE?
HOW DO WE CROSS BACK OVER THE SEA OF THE DEAD?
CAN YOU SPEAK MORE QUIETLY, KITCHEL?
ZOMA, ARE THERE ANY DESERTS AROUND HERE?
ALL RIGHT ...
...IT'S MY TURN.
STOP WORRYING, GUYS. WE'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS LIM AND ZOMA ARE WITH US!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE ...

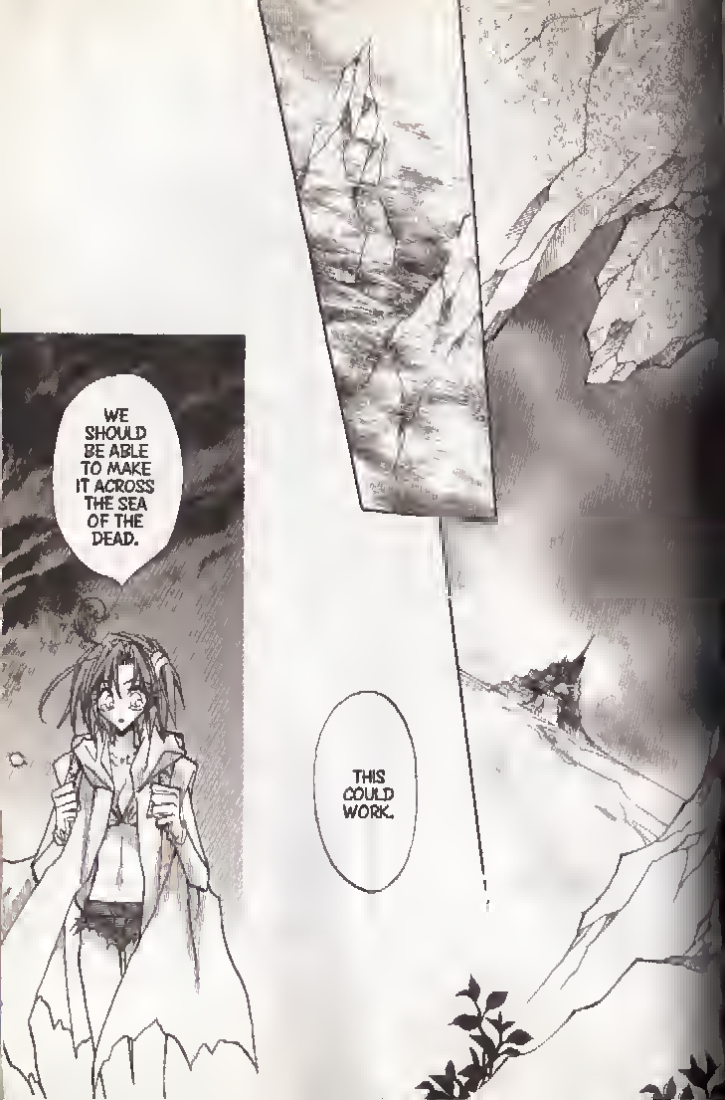

TINTLET ...
SHOULDN'T YOU ASK LIM?
SHE WOULD KNOW BEST, RIGHT?
?
LIM?
WHY DO YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HAND UP?
HUH?
I FEEL STRANGE
LIM?
HEY, LIM!
IS SHE ASLEEP?
IF YOU DON'T WAKE UP, I'LL BITE YOU!


HUH? WHAT?
WHAT MEMORY IS THIS?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THAT YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR FAITH IN US...
AND LIM ISN'T EVEN A DEMON ANYMORE.
...BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET IN AND OUT OF THE CASTLE.
TINTLI
I'M A DEMON...
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BUDDY! LOOK, WE ALL MANAGED TO GET INSIDE OF THE CASTLE, DIDN'T WE?
HAVE SOME FAITH! IT'S GONNA BE OKAY!

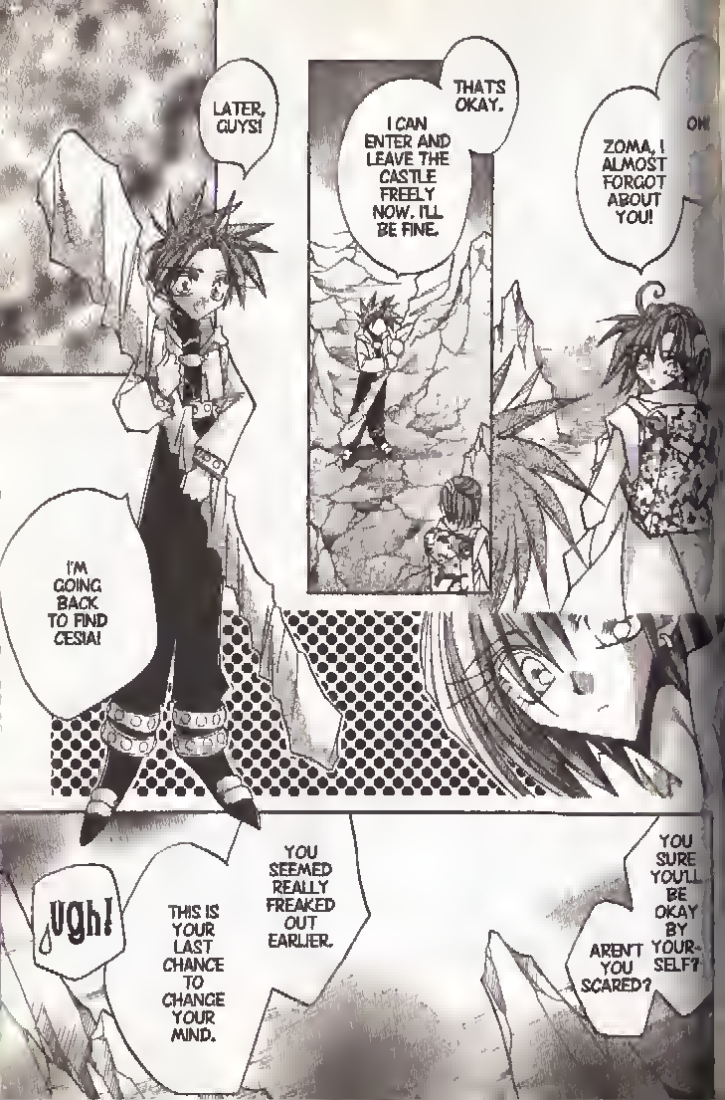

ZOMA'S RIGHT.
I'M AS USELESS AS A CORPSE.
A CORPSE... THAT'S WHAT THE DEMON IS WITHIN ME. IT'S AS DEAD AS A CORPSE.
BUT IT IS STILL THERE...SO I GUESS THAT MEANS I CAN STILL CROSS THE SEA OF THE DEAD.

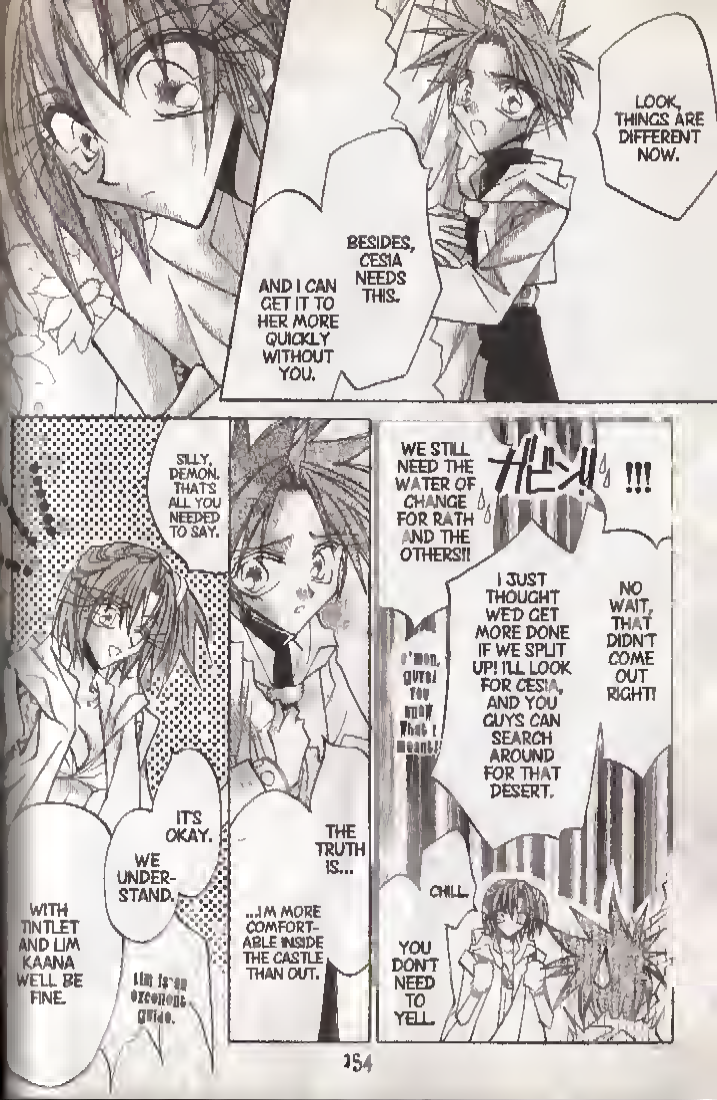

MAYBE THIS WILL WORK.
OKAY.
...I CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO GET BACK AND FORTH FROM THE CASTLE.
AND SINCE YOUTH DEMON ZOMA
SO...
...IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO STAY HERE?
WE CAN USE MY DEMON POWER...
...AND COMBINE IT WITH LIM KAANA'S KNOWLEDGE TO ENTER AND EXIT NADIL'S CASTLE.

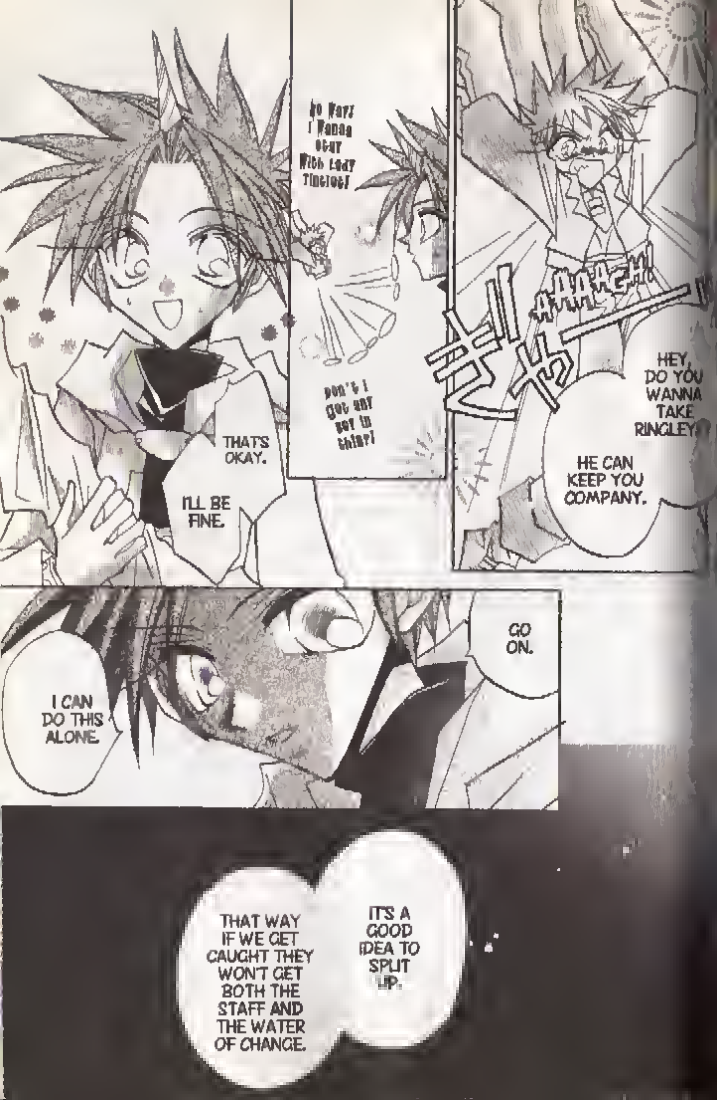

YOU WANT TO STAY HERE...
...ALONE?
But, I've told anything about being alone!

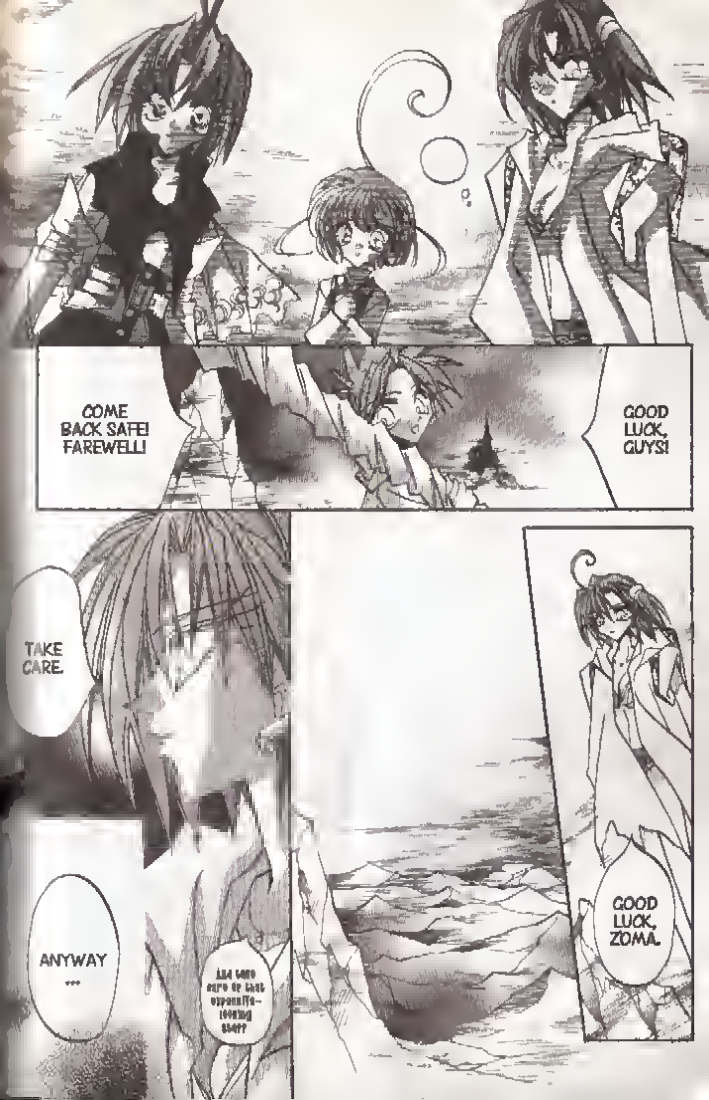

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT ACROSS THE SEA OF THE DEAD.
THIS COULD WORK.

NICE WORK, LIM!!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. IT WORKED!
WE DID IT ON A HUNCH!
WOW, WE'RE REALLY OUT.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER. WHEN SOMETHING WORKS, IT WORKS!
ALL RIGHT THEN, MYSTERIOUS DESERT HERE WE COME!


LATER, GUYS!
I'M GOING BACK TO FIND CESIA!
THAT'S OKAY.
I CAN ENTER AND LEAVE THE CASTLE FREELY NOW. I'LL BE FINE.
OH!
ZOMA, I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOU!
ugh!
THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO CHANGE YOUR MIND.
YOU SEEMED REALLY FREAKED OUT EARLIER.
YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY BY YOURSELF?
AREN'T YOU SCARED?


LOOK, THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.
BESIDES, CESIA NEEDS THIS.
AND I CAN GET IT TO HER MORE QUICKLY WITHOUT YOU.
WE STILL NEED THE WATER OF CHANGE FOR RATH AND THE OTHERS!!
ガビーン!!!
NO WAIT, THAT DIDN'T COME OUT RIGHT!!
I JUST THOUGHT WE'D GET MORE DONE IF WE SPLIT UP! I'LL LOOK FOR CESIA, AND YOU GUYS CAN SEARCH AROUND FOR THAT DESERT.
C'MON, GUYS! YOU KNOW THAT I MEANT!!
CHILL.
YOU DON'T NEED TO YELL.
SILLY DEMON. THAT'S ALL YOU NEEDED TO SAY.
THE TRUTH IS...
...I'M MORE COMFORTABLE INSIDE THE CASTLE THAN OUT.
IT'S OKAY. WE UNDERSTAND.
WITH TINTLET AND LIM KAANA WE'LL BE FINE.
Lim is an excellent guide.


HEY, DO YOU WANNA TAKE RINGLEY?
HE CAN KEEP YOU COMPANY.
No Way! I Wanna Stay With Lady Tinglet!
Don't I get any say in this?!
THAT'S OKAY.
I'LL BE FINE.
GO ON.
I CAN DO THIS ALONE.
IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO SPLIT UP.
THAT WAY IF WE GET CAUGHT THEY WON'T GET BOTH THE STAFF AND THE WATER OF CHANGE.


COME BACK SAFE! FAREWELL!
GOOD LUCK, GUYS!
TAKE CARE.
ANYWAY ...
ARE THEY ALL OF THEM OPPONENTS-LOOKING STUFF?
GOOD LUCK, ZOMA.

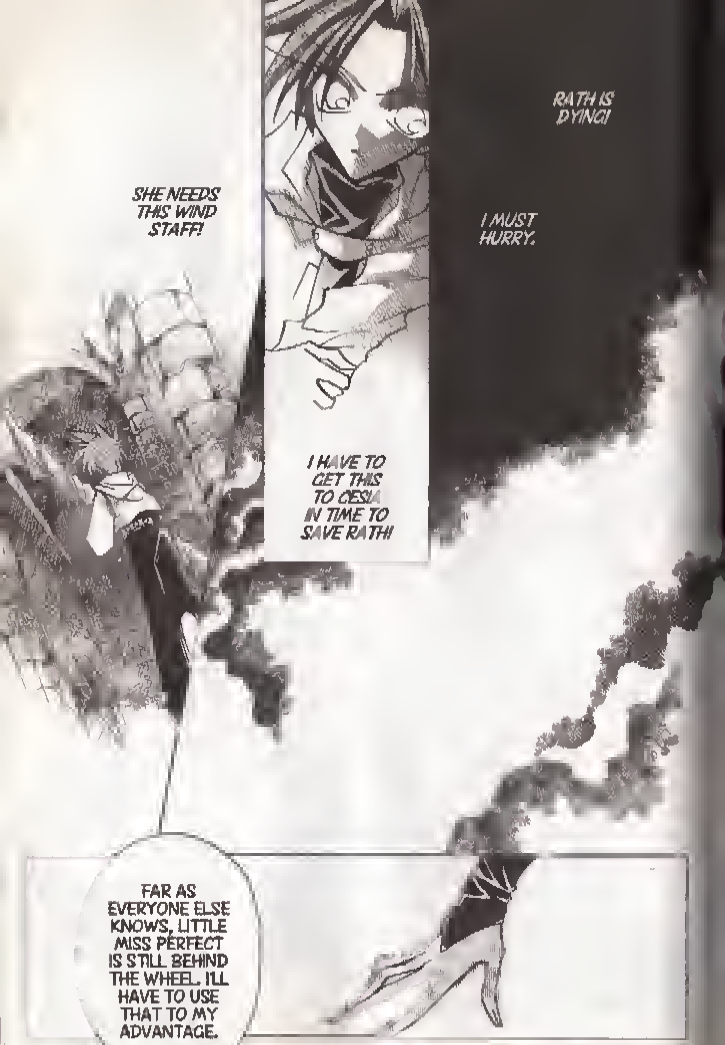
WE SHOULD BE GOING!
WE HAVE TO FIND THE SACRED WATER THAT PURIFIES EVIL..
WE MUST FIND THE WATER OF CHANGE.
IT'S UP TO TINTLET'S MEMORY NOW.
Uh-huh.
Uh-huh.
TO THE DESERT THAT'S A WORLD AWAY!
WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED?
THE DESERT'S NOT ON THE MAP! THAT FIGURES!
DO YOU THINK THIS THING'S ACCURATE?

RAISING HAND
EXCUSE ME.
UH...
OKAY, GO AHEAD, KITCHEL.
ugh!
EEK!
OH...
IT'S...
WHICH WAY TO THE DESERT?

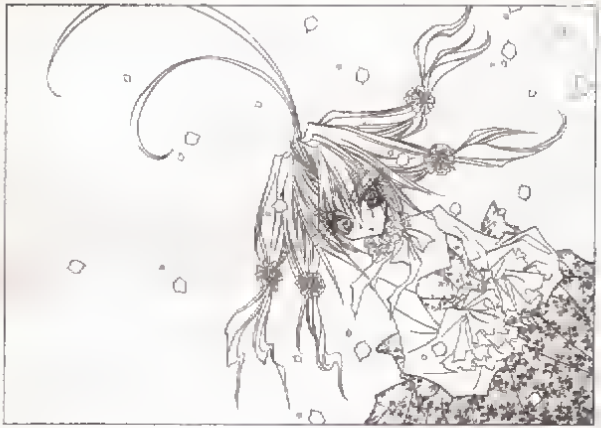
LIM?
I'M OKAY!
IT'S NOTHING!
LET'S GO!
IT'S THIS WAY.
BUT I'M AFRAID THAT IT'S ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF...
Whoa!
...THE SEA OF THE DEAD.
IS THIS REALLY TINTLETS' MEMORY?

A DESERT?
OR IS IT...
MY OWN MEMORY THAT HAS GOTTEN JUMBLED?

WHAT?!
WHO IS THAT?!

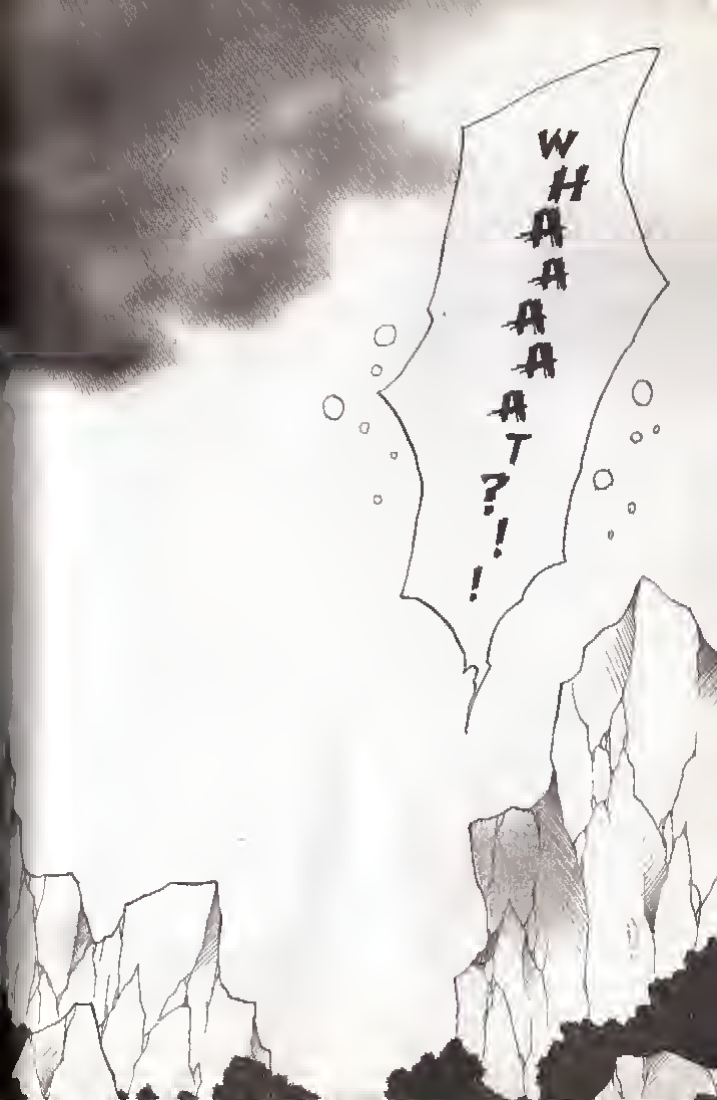

RATH IS DYING!
I MUST HURRY.
SHE NEEDS THIS WIND STAFF!
I HAVE TO GET THIS TO CESIA IN TIME TO SAVE RATH!
FAR AS EVERYONE ELSE KNOWS, LITTLE MISS PERFECT IS STILL BEHIND THE WHEEL. I'LL HAVE TO USE THAT TO MY ADVANTAGE.

LIM IS COMING.
.....
...I COULD SMASH RATH'S SOUL TO BITS.
WHAT I WOULDN'T DO FOR A WIND STAFF. IF I COULD GET MY HANDS ON ONE OF THOSE BAD BOYS...

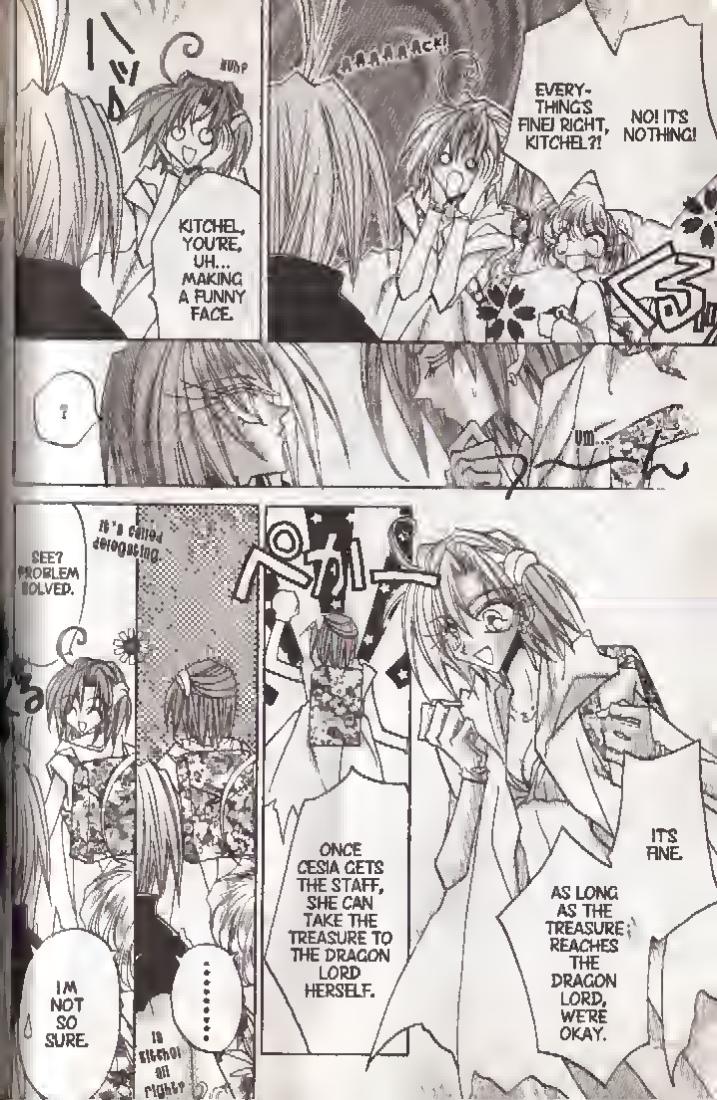


OH My G AAAAAWD!

WHAT?!
WHAT'S WRONG?!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?!
KITCHEL
TINTLET, COULD YOU COME HERE A SEC?
?
HUH?
UH...
WHAT?
ERR...


WHAAAAAAT?!!

REALLY?
IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE IT BEING ANY WORSE.
IS IT REALLY? IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
ARE YOU SURE?
GUYS?
DID I DO SOME-THING?
WHAT'S WRONG?
NOOOOOO!
ECHOING
I LEFT ONE OF THE THREE TREASURES ON THAT STAFF THAT ZOMA HAS.
I COM-PLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT!

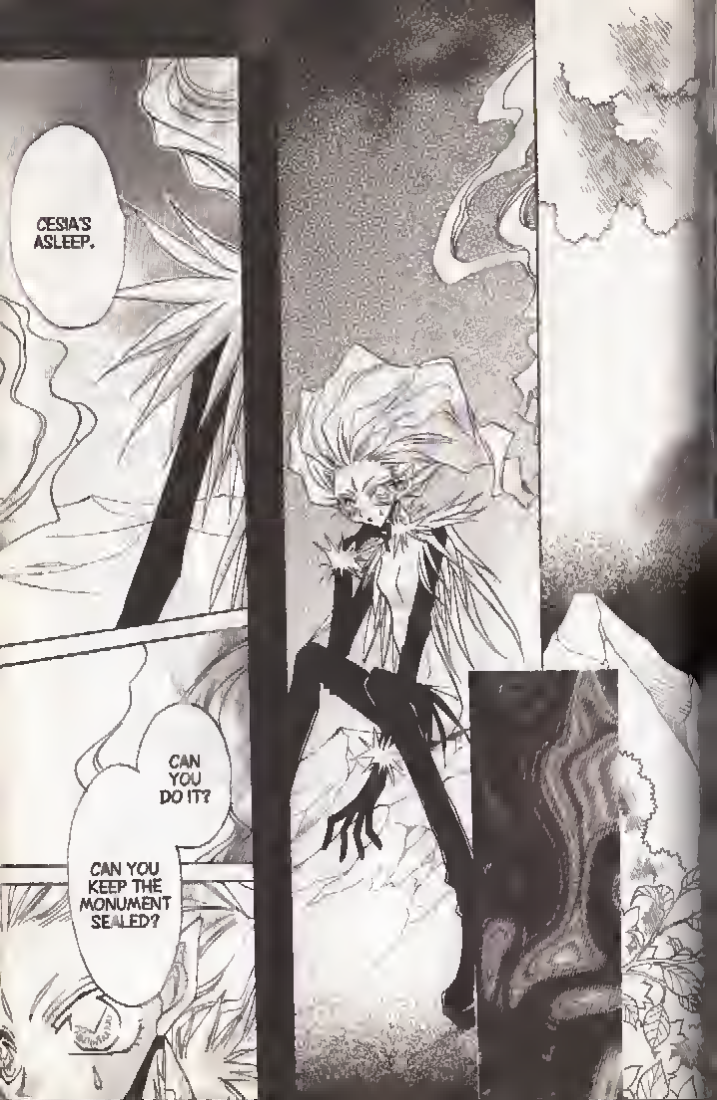

KITCHEL, YOU'RE, UH... MAKING A FUNNY FACE.
Huh?
EVERY-THING'S FINE! RIGHT, KITCHEL?!
NO! IT'S NOTHING!
Ack!
?
Um...
SEE? PROBLEM SOLVED.
It's called delegating.
IT'S FINE.
AS LONG AS THE TREASURE REACHES THE DRAGON LORD, WE'RE OKAY.
ONCE CESIA GETS THE STAFF, SHE CAN TAKE THE TREASURE TO THE DRAGON LORD HERSELF.
IM NOT SO SURE.
Is Kitchel all right?

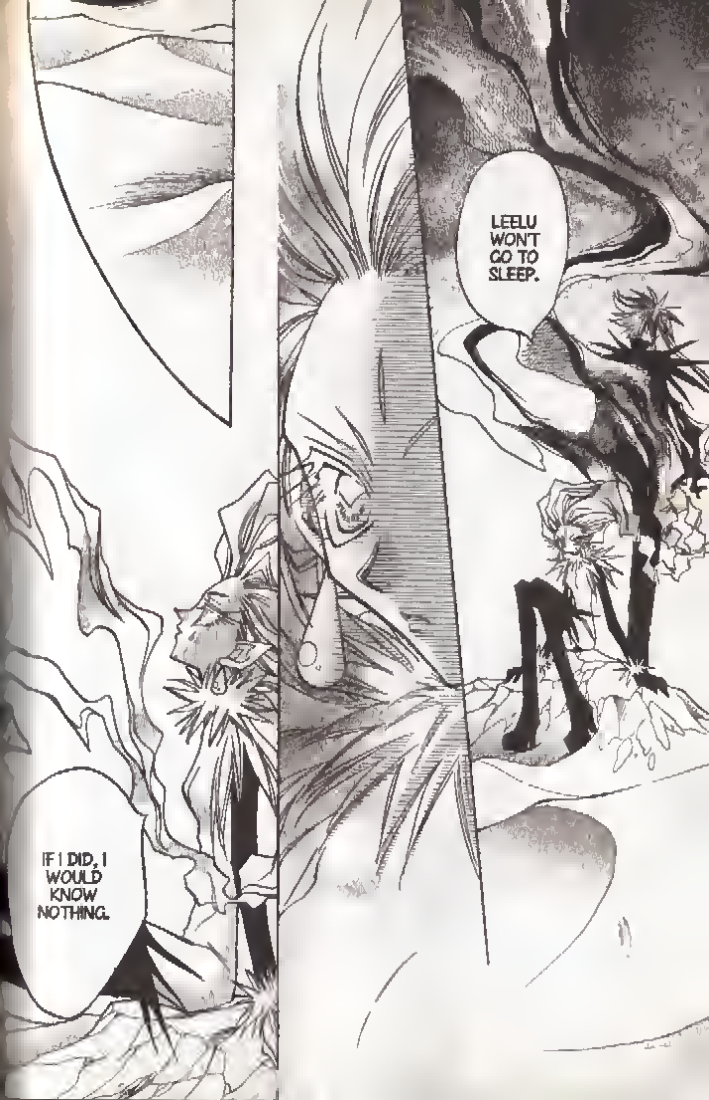
HEY.
YEAH?
WELL...
WHAT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
BESIDES, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY PHILOSOPHY THAT THERE'S NO USE WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING IF YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE TO LOVE SOMEONE?
UM...
ERR...
OKAY, A LITTLE AWK-WARD...
LOOK, I'M SORRY, OKAY? AND PLEASE DON'T TELL TINTLET I ASKED.
IT'S JUST THAT...
...I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO ASK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS.
IT'S TRUE.
YOU CAN'T ASK NTLET.

I WISH I COULD HELP YOU...
...BUT I'M NOT MUCH OF AN EXPERT ON LOVE.
I GET A SENSE THAT TINTLET KNOWS A LOT ABOUT IT, AND THAT'S PART OF THE PROBLEM...
I THINK I'M STARTING TO LOVE RUNE.
BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M FEELING.
AND I DON'T KNOW IF THESE FEELINGS ARE REALLY MINE OR NOT.
I'M SO CONFUSED ...
I HAVE AN IDEA.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY RIDDING YOURSELF OF YOUR MEMORIES OF RUNE?
I'M SURE TINTLET COULD HELP YOU WITH THAT.

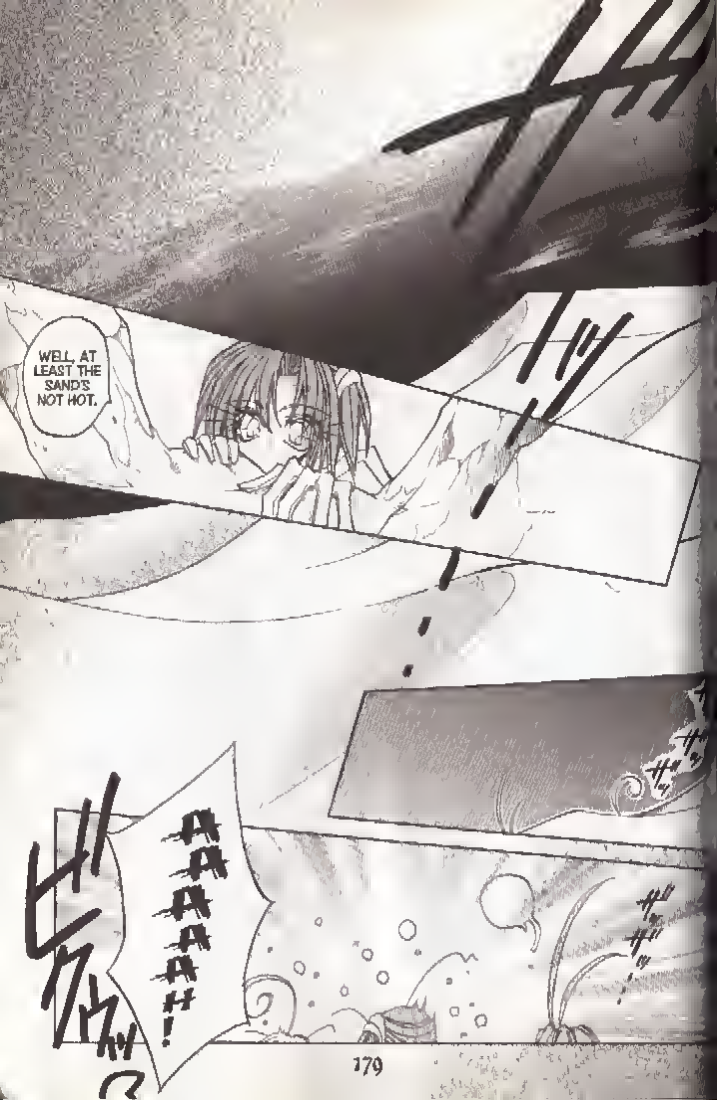
sigh...
I DON'T WANT TO.
LEMME GUESS... IT COMES ON SUDDENLY, LIKE WHEN YOUR ARM ACCIDENTALLY RUBS UP AGAINST SOMEONE ELSES.
IT'S NOT LIKE I FEEL IT ALL THE TIME. IT'S LIKE...
HEH HEH... THEN I THINK YOU HAVE YOUR ANSWER.
SO HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN LOVE, KITCHEL?
IT'S LIKE A TRIGGER.
YOU ALREADY KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM.


CESIA'S ASLEEP.
CAN YOU DO IT?
CAN YOU KEEP THE MONUMENT SEALED?


LEELU WON'T GO TO SLEEP.
IF I DID, I WOULD KNOW NOTHING.

I CAN SEE IT!
THE DESERT IS UP AHEAD!
UM... I DON'T KNOW.
THIS ISN'T REALLY MY TERRITORY.
HOW FAR DOES IT REACH, ANYWAY?
IT'S SO HUGE. IT LOOKS ENDLESS.
I'M MORE OF A FOREST GIRL.
THE DESERT IS LOCATED OPPOSITE THE FOREST.

WHY DID I SAY IT WAS MY TERRITORY? YEESH!
THINGS CHANGE.
WHAT NOW?
THE FOREST?
I HATE THE FOREST!
NOTHING. LET'S KEEP MOVING.


WELL, AT LEAST THE SAND'S NOT HOT.
AAAAAAH!

WHAT IS IT, KITCHEL?!
OH, SORRY IF I ALARMED YOU.
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING.
WHAT DID YOU FORGET NOW?
WELL, I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW IRONIC IT IS TO BE LOOKING FOR THE WATER OF CHANGE IN A DESERT.
AND THEN I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD'VE BROUGHT WATER FOR OURSELVES.
OH.
YEAH, THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM.
HOW DO THINGS GO AGAIN?
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HEY, LIM...
DO YOU REMEMBER WHERE THE WATER OF CHANGE IS?
LET'S SEE...

THE STONE MONUMENT!
AAAAH!!

Dragon Knights

In Volume 20:

With all three Dragon Knights imprisoned, the fate of the Dragon Realm is in an unlikely set of hands... Zoma's! The diminutive demon with a heart of gold has journeyed from Draqueen to Kainaldia to give the wind staff to Cesia. At last, he succeeds...or does he? After all, Cesia has checked out. Her deliciously evil alter ego is in control, and if Zoma gives the wind staff to her, he might as well hand over control of the Dragon Realm as well. Will Zoma recognize Dark Cesia in time? Will the Dragon Knights find a way to escape from Nadil's dungeon? And what will happen to Kitchel and Ringleys now that they're on their own? Volume 20 may seem like plenty, but we're just getting warmed up! Don't miss out!